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*Stage set for epic extradition fight over WikiLeaks' Assange*

In this Feb. 24, 2011, file photo, the founder of WikiLeaks Julian Assange speaks to the media after his extradition hearing at Belmarsh Magistrates' Court in London. Associated Press Page 3

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# Court won't immediately stop wait-in-Mexico asylum policy

By **JULIE WATSON** and **BRIAN MELLEY**

Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — A federal appeals court put a judge's order on hold Friday shortly before it would have stopped the Trump administration from forcing asylum seekers to wait in Mexico while their cases move through U.S. courts. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals temporarily blocked the lower court ruling from taking effect. The three-judge panel set a Tuesday deadline for civil liberties groups to submit arguments on why the asylum policy should be on hold and a Wednesday deadline for the government to argue why it should remain in place. Judge Richard Seeborg in San Francisco ruled Monday to halt the unprecedented change to the U.S. asylum system while the groups' lawsuit moves forward. He said the policy violates U.S. law by failing to evaluate dangers migrants face in Mexico. The government called the ruling erroneous and said it endangers the public



A girl from the Mexican state of Guerrero passes rows of tents as her family waits at a shelter of mostly Mexican and Central American migrants to begin the process of applying for asylum Friday, April 12, 2019, in Tijuana, Mexico.

during a humanitarian crisis at the southern border. It wants the 9th Circuit to keep the policy in place while the lawsuit is litigated, which is expected to take months and possibly years. Immigration attorneys argued that the policy was putting the lives of asylum

seekers at risk by forcing them to wait in violence-plagued Mexico and said Seeborg's ruling was already having an effect. Since the judge issued his order, immigration officials stopped returning asylum seekers south of the border after they attended

their hearings in the United States, lawyers said. "I haven't heard of anyone who's been sent back since the judge's order on Monday," American Civil Liberties Union attorney Judy Rabinovitz said. She added later that she was hopeful Seeborg's ruling will go into

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effect in the end. The order marked another defeat to President Donald Trump's intent to radically alter U.S. immigration policies. Families seeking asylum typically have been released in the U.S. with notices to appear in court. The new policy started in January at the nation's busiest border crossing in San Diego and the government was starting to expand it.

At a Wednesday hearing in El Paso, Texas, Nicolas Palazzo, an attorney for Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center, told a judge that his Salvadoran client feared returning to Mexico. The man was allowed to remain in the United States, signaling a change in the practice. The Mexican government says more than 1,300 people were returned to Mexico under the program.

A lawsuit by 11 Central Americans and legal advocacy groups argues that the policy puts the lives of asylum seekers at risk by forcing them to stay in Mexico, where crime and drug violence are prevalent. □

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# Charging Assange reflects dramatic shift in U.S. approach

By ERIC TUCKER  
and BEN FOX

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The decision to seek the extradition of Julian Assange marked a dramatic new approach to the founder of WikiLeaks by the U.S. government, a shift that was signaled in the early days of the Trump administration.

President Barack Obama's Justice Department had extensive internal debates about whether to charge Assange amid concerns the case might not hold up in court and would be viewed as an attack on journalism by an administration already taking heat for leak prosecutions.

But senior Trump administration officials seemed to make it clear early on that they held a different view, dialing up the rhetoric on the anti-secrecy organization shortly after it made damaging disclosures about the CIA's cyberespionage tools.

"WikiLeaks walks like a hostile intelligence service and talks like a hostile intelligence service," former CIA Director Mike Pompeo said in April 2017 in his first public speech as head of the agency.

"Assange and his ilk," Pompeo said, seek "personal self-aggrandizement through the destruction of Western values."

A week after the CIA director's speech, then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the arrest of Assange was a priority, part of a broader Justice Department crackdown on leakers.

"We've already begun to step up our efforts, and whenever a case can be made, we will seek to put some people in jail," he said.

Pompeo, now secretary of state, declined Friday to discuss the issue, citing the now-active legal pursuit of Assange following his removal a day earlier by British authorities from the Ecuadorian Embassy in London.

The administration won't say why they decided now to charge Assange with



**Julian Assange gestures as he arrives at Westminster Magistrates' Court in London, after the WikiLeaks founder was arrested by officers from the Metropolitan Police and taken into custody Thursday April 11, 2019.**

a single count of computer intrusion conspiracy that dates to 2010. Back then, WikiLeaks is alleged to have helped Chelsea Manning, then a U.S. Army intelligence analyst, crack a password that gave her higher-level access to classified computer networks. Nor will they say whether the Obama administration had the same evidence that forms the basis of the indictment, or whether Assange will face additional counts if he is extradited to the United States.

But a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal and legal matters, traced the genesis of the indictment to what's known as the "Vault 7 leak" in 2017, when WikiLeaks released thousands of pages of documents revealing details about CIA tools for breaking into targeted computers, cellphones and consumer electronics.

A former CIA software engineer was charged with violating the Espionage Act by providing the information to WikiLeaks and is to go on trial later this year in New York. And the leak was

a tipping point in deciding to pursue Assange, the official said.

"Vault 7 was the nail in the coffin, so to speak," the official said.

It ended years of ambivalence about what to do about Assange, who was hailed by many when WikiLeaks published hundreds of thousands of State Department cables and U.S. military documents, including many that revealed previously unknown facts about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the detainees held at the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Even today, Assange and WikiLeaks have supporters around the world, amid a debate over whether the dissemination of raw, unfiltered documents and data counts as journalism.

Daniel Ellsberg, the former military analyst behind the famed leak of the secret history of the Vietnam War known as the Pentagon Papers, called the charging of Assange an "ominous" effort to criminalize a necessary component of journalism.

"The charges are based on facts that were known throughout the Obama administration, which chose not to indict because of the obvious challenge to the First Amendment that would involve," Ellsberg said in an Associated Press interview. A former Justice Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal discussions, said there was an extensive debate within the government over the feasibility of charging Assange with the publication of stolen, classified materials. But prosecutors grew concerned that such a case would not hold up in court. Even though officials did not agree with Assange's self-characterization as a journalist, the former official said, there was concern that it would be hard to justify charging him with actions that more conventional journalists take. The former official said the department at the time was more amenable to bringing a case like the one ultimately brought—a narrower prosecution centered on a hacking con-

spiracy. It focuses on an entirely different violation that may obviate any First Amendment or press freedom concern.

"This is just charging a journalist with conspiracy to hack into computer systems, which is no different than breaking into a building or breaking into a classified safe," said Mary McCord, a senior Justice Department national security official in the Obama administration. "And that's not First Amendment protected activity."

That is a widely held view in government, even among people generally sympathetic to the mission of the media.

"This was deliberate and malicious effort to cause harm to us, to U.S. national security interests and I think it would be good if there is some accountability at last," said David Pearce, who was U.S. Ambassador to Algeria in 2010 when WikiLeaks released hundreds of thousands of secret diplomatic cables. "So far there hasn't been any accountability for Mr. Assange." □



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## FCC to hold big 5G auction, spend \$20B for rural internet

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE** and **TALI ARBEL**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. government will hold a massive auction later this year to bolster 5G service, the next generation of mobile networks. President Donald Trump showcased the announcement Friday, declaring that the race to stand up these faster, more powerful networks is a competition “America must win.”

“We cannot allow any other country to outcompete the United States in this powerful industry of the future,” Trump said at the White House. “We are leading by so much in so many different industries of that type, and we just can’t let that happen.”

Trump also announced a \$20 billion plan to expand broadband access to rural areas currently without it, a decadelong extension of an existing program.



**President Donald Trump shakes hands with FCC chairman Ajit Pai during an event on the deployment of 5G technology in the United States, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Friday, April 12, 2019, in Washington.**

5G will mean faster wireless speeds and has implications for technologies like self-driving cars and augmented reality. Trump said it will transform the way people work, learn, communicate and travel, making farms more productive, manufacturers more competitive and health care better and more accessi-

ble. But experts say it’s hard to know now how much life will actually change because of the much-hyped network upgrade. It will take years to roll out, and the highest data speeds and capacities may not reach rural areas at all. The rollout started last week in the U.S. and South Ko-

rea but will take years. The Federal Communications Commission said Friday that it would hold the largest auction in U.S. history to boost wireless companies’ networks. The auction is set for Dec. 10, and will be the agency’s third for 5G, said FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, who joined Trump for the announcement.

“We want Americans to be the first to benefit from this new digital revolution,” Pai said. The U.S. is jockeying for position with China over 5G. It has effectively banned Chinese telecom equipment maker Huawei from most U.S. networks due to concerns that it might enable Chinese government spying, which Huawei denies. The U.S. has pushed its allies to do the same, with mixed results. Huawei is the world’s largest maker of such equipment. FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, a Democrat, criticized the agency’s

approach to 5G Friday. She said the U.S. has not auctioned off “midband” spectrum that is better suited to serve rural areas because of how far it can carry signals, and that the Trump administration’s actions on 5G have “set us back.” She cited tariffs on telecom equipment that have raised costs and said the administration has been “alienating allies” on the 5G security issue. The FCC also said Friday that it will be renewing an existing \$2 billion broadband subsidy program, for 10 years. It will provide about \$20.4 billion over a decade to providers, with the goal of connecting up to 4 million rural homes and small businesses to high-speed internet. The agency spent \$34.5 billion on rural-broadband network subsidy programs from 2010 to 2017, according to the Government Accountability Office. □



# Growing number of states move to shield lottery winners

By **BOB CHRISTIE**  
Associated Press

**PHOENIX (AP)** — A growing number of states are moving to allow the winners of big lottery jackpots to stay anonymous as privacy concerns are increasingly trumping lottery groups' wishes to publicize winners to boost sales and show that the games are fair. Arizona could be the next state to join at least nine others with laws that let winners keep their names secret under a proposal headed to Republican Gov. Doug Ducey. Four years ago, just five states allowed anonymous winners, and a handful of others allowed trusts to claim prizes. At least eight state legislatures considered measures shielding winners' names this year. Virginia's governor signed legislation allowing winners of \$10 million or more to remain anonymous. Proposals in Arkansas and Connecticut failed, while efforts in Massachusetts, Minnesota and Oregon are still being considered. New Mexico's governor last week axed a similar proposal, with a spokesman saying Democratic Gov. Michelle Lujan

Grisham decided to prioritize transparency. "To be sure, the governor is clear about the concerns raised by proponents, i.e., that certain bad actors could take advantage of lottery winners if their names are made public," spokesman Tripp Stelnicki said in a statement. But "New Mexicans should have every confidence in the games run by the lottery." The Arizona Lottery took no official position, but spokesman John Gilliland said "it is important that we have that transparency, because the lottery is nothing without integrity." "And the only way the public has an absolute guarantee of integrity as far as real people winning these prizes is to be able to know who wins these prizes," he said this week. Republican state Rep. Nancy Barto introduced the measure, saying she wanted to protect winners from harassment. State Rep. John Kavanagh pushed for current law that shields winners' names for 90 days but said this week that it doesn't go far enough. "After 90 days, the person is then subjected to all sorts of people hitting them up for



In this Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013 file photo, Keith Ganatra, right, owner of the Del Monte Market, takes the numbers form picked by a customer, as he sells Mega Millions lottery tickets at a brisk pace in Laveen, Ariz.

loans, investment advisers trying to make them a client and the potential to be victimized by a burglar or, if it's a massive amount, having their kid kidnapped," the Republican said. Balancing those concerns against the Lottery's interests in transparency isn't a close call, he said. That's in line with a New Hampshire judge's decision last year to allow the winner of a nearly \$560 million

Powerball jackpot to stay anonymous. The woman signed the ticket before she realized that state law would let her create a trust to shield her identity. The judge noted that she could be harassed or solicited for money. Trusts are allowed in at least two other states besides New Hampshire, while a policy from South Carolina's lottery board allows anonymity. The winner of

a \$1.5 billion ticket bought at a South Carolina convenience store last year remains unknown under that policy. Lottery fraud is a concern. In 2017, a programmer for the Multi-State Lottery Association got up to 25 years in prison for rigging a computer program to enable him to pick winning numbers in games in Colorado, Wisconsin, Kansas, Iowa and Oklahoma between 2005 and 2011. □

Associated Press

# Mount Washington avalanche danger increases after death

**MOUNT WASHINGTON, N.H. (AP)** — Authorities warned of increasing avalanche danger Friday a day after a skier died on the North-east's highest mountain. Thursday's was one of at least four human-triggered avalanches on the mountain that day, and more were possible as slabs of snow formed by wind warmed up and weakened, according to the Mount Washington Avalanche Center's daily forecast. "Moderate avalanche danger exists today with a warm and wetting snow-pack," the center wrote. "If you find yourself sinking into mushy, wet snow, it is time to get off the slope." The victim, whose name has not been released, was skiing by himself Thursday

afternoon in an area called Raymond Cataract near Tuckerman Ravine. The avalanche was reported at 1:30 p.m., and the man was dug out about an hour later, buried under 5 feet (1.5



In this April 10, 2016, file photo, a skier drops below the ice-covered headwall of Tuckerman Ravine on New Hampshire's Mount Washington.

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meters) of snow, said Evan Burks, a spokesman for the White Mountain National Forest. Rescuers performed CPR, but the man was pronounced dead several hours later.

Burks said the skier's death highlighted the importance of traveling in groups, being prepared for changing conditions and paying attention to the forecasts. Longtime climbing guide Rick Wilcox agreed. "So many people use Mount Washington, and so many people don't have much information about the snow conditions," said Wilcox, past president of the volunteer Mountain Rescue Service. At 6,288 feet (1,916 meters) tall, Mount Washington is the highest peak in the Northeast and is notorious for its bad weather. Friday marked the 85th anniversary of a record wind speed there in 1934. The 231-mph gust remains on the record books as the highest wind speed ever observed by

man, though in 1996, an unmanned instrument station in Barrow Island, Australia, recorded a gust of 253 mph. In February, a Massachusetts man died in what the avalanche center called a "long sliding fall," the most common cause of death in New Hampshire's Presidential Range. Jeremy Ullman, a 37-year-old neuroscientist at Boston Children's Hospital, died after slipping and falling more than 300 feet (91 meters) into a boulder-strewn area. Last month, Forest Service snow rangers helped search for a missing 21-year-old Massachusetts man who may have been seen on Mount Washington on March 8. His vehicle was located at a trailhead parking lot March 16. □





In this March 29, 2019, file photo, a man smokes marijuana at a Spleef NYC canna-cocktail party in New York.

Associated Press

## NYC may ban pre-hire marijuana tests for many job applicants

By **JENNIFER PELTZ**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Many job-seekers would no longer face tests for marijuana use under legislation that New York City is likely to enact, taking a novel step as lawmakers and employers around the U.S. grapple with workplace policies about pot. The Democrat-led City Council passed a measure Tuesday that would ban pre-employment testing for the drug, with certain exceptions.

Supporters say the measure, which if enacted may be the first of its breadth, would knock down a barrier that blocks people from jobs because of private behavior, not professional ability. And they note that marijuana can show up on a drug test days, or sometimes longer, after the high wears off.

"If you ingest weed in whatever manner a month ago, I'm not sure how that prevents you from doing your job now," Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, a Democrat who sponsored the proposal, told the council. But some council members and business groups object to what they see as municipal meddling with a valid employment concern.

"Private businesses should have the power to deter-

mine their own hiring practices — not just in deciding what skills and experience are relevant to certain positions, but also whether the use of a specific drug could have an adverse impact on a prospective employee's ability to perform," Council Republican Leader Steven Matteo said in a statement. The measure is awaiting action from Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Democrat. A spokeswoman told The New York Times that City Hall supports the legislation; The Associated Press sent an inquiry Friday seeking to confirm the mayor's position.

Drug-testing job applicants became common in the U.S. in the late 1980s, but marijuana screening is getting some reconsideration as the drug has gained legal ground. Most states, including New York, now have legal medicinal marijuana programs, and 10 states and the District of Columbia allow recreational pot use. New York is considering it.

Medical marijuana users in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island have won lawsuits in recent years against companies that rescinded job offers or fired workers because of positive tests for pot. A number of businesses around the country have

simply stopped marijuana-testing applicants. "In this environment where unemployment is pretty low and where marijuana is becoming ever more socially acceptable ... employers are either philosophically or practically having to take a long, hard look at whether they're even going to screen for pot," said Michael Clarkson, a Boston-based employment lawyer who specializes in drug-testing issues. Some officials also have taken a look at whether businesses should do so. Washington, D.C. prohibits marijuana testing before a job offer is extended (some states apply this standard to all drug testing). Lawmakers in Nevada, where recreational marijuana use is legal, have been considering a proposal that would ban companies from disqualifying job candidates for testing positive for pot. The New York City measure appears to go further by barring businesses from making applicants take marijuana tests at any point before hiring. There are exceptions for police, construction workers, commercial drivers, child care workers and certain others. It doesn't stop employers from testing current workers, or from firing them if they fail. □



This May 27, 2008, file photo, shows the gurney in the death chamber in Huntsville, Texas.

Associated Press

## Texas' high court keeps execution drug supplier secret

By **PAUL J. WEBER**  
Associated Press

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)** — A supplier of Texas' execution drugs can remain secret under a court ruling Friday that upheld risks of "physical harm" to the pharmacy, ending what state officials called a threat to the entire U.S. death penalty system.

The decision by the Texas Supreme Court, where Republicans hold every seat on the bench, doesn't change operations at the nation's busiest death chamber because state lawmakers banned the disclosure of drug suppliers for executions starting in 2015.

A lawsuit filed a year earlier by condemned Texas inmates argued that the supplier's identity was needed to verify the quality of the drugs and spare them from unconstitutional pain and suffering. Lower courts went on to reject Texas' claims that releasing the name would physically endanger pharmacy employees at the hands of death-penalty opponents.

"The voters of Texas have expressed their judgment that the death penalty is necessary, and this decision preserves Texas' ability to carry out executions mandated by state law," Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said in a statement.

The court deciding that a "substantial" risk of harm exists appeared to largely hinge on an email sent to an Oklahoma pharmacy in which the sender suggested they enhance security and referenced the bombing of an Oklahoma City federal building in 1995.

"I'm speechless with the absurdity of them relying on that singular fact to close, to keep in secret how Texas essentially carries out its execution," said Maurie Levin, a defense attorney who helped bring the original lawsuit.

The availability of execution drugs has become an issue in many death penalty states after traditional pharmaceutical makers refused to sell their products to prison agencies for execution use. Similar lawsuits about drug provider identities have been argued in other capital punishment states. Last year, Arizona's attorney general filed a brief in support of Texas, arguing that disclosing the name of the pharmacy would "bring dire consequences that ripple beyond Texas and threaten the death penalty's operation nationwide."

Defense attorneys have called it a matter of transparency and say Texas' claims of potential physical harm are overblown. Texas Supreme Court Justice Paul Green seemed to agree in some respects, writing in the court's opinion that a "firestorm" of hate mail and negative media coverage directed at a Texas execution-drug supplier in 2013 did not amount to a risk of substantial harm as the state suggested. □



# NYC Chinese eatery heats up cultural appropriation debate

By **TERRY TANG**

**Associated Press**

A New York City restaurant owner who touted her “clean” American-Chinese cuisine and derided Chinese dishes as swimming in “globs of processed butter,” sodium and MSG is renewing the long-simmering debate about stereotyping and cultural appropriation in the restaurant world.

Arielle Haspel, who is white and a certified health coach, told the dining website Eater that she wanted to offer modified, “clean” versions of typical Chinese menu items. In a now deleted Instagram post, Haspel said that a Chinese noodle dish, lo mein, can make people feel “bloat-ed and icky.” Online critics pounced, including New York Baohaus restaurateur and author Eddie Huang who dismissed Lucky Lee’s as “the Fyre Fest of food & wellness,” on the restaurant’s Instagram page. Haspel has since apologized, but her comments are the latest misstep in a succession of restaurateurs and TV chefs who have been criticized for insensitivity when dealing with food from a culture that’s not their own.

Robert Ku, a professor of Asian American studies and food studies at Binghamton University, New York, said



In this Thursday, April 11, 2019 photo, pedestrians walk past the Lucky Lee's restaurant in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York.

Haspel came off as relying on age-old stereotypes of Chinese food being unsanitary or grotesque. It was especially tone-deaf in New York City where most locals regularly eat Chinese food, he added.

“These are long-standing tropes that have followed specifically Chinese food more than any other cuisine,” said Ku, who has written about the cultural politics of Asian food in the U.S. “What she’s focused on is health and being clean, which implies the others were not.” He also said it’s

a myth that Chinese-American restaurants use MSG. Most cut it out of their kitchens in the 1970s because it was so unpopular, making Haspel’s reference problematic, Ku said.

Haspel was apologetic in an interview Friday with the New York Times.

“We were never trying to do something against the Chinese community. We thought we were complementing an incredibly important cuisine, in a way that would cater to people that had certain dietary requirements,” she said.

“Shame on us for not being smarter about cultural sensitivities.

She did not return messages from the AP seeking comment.

White TV chefs like Andrew Zimmern and Gordon Ramsay have been skewered for their respective Asian restaurants (both of which also use the adjective “lucky” in their name).

Zimmern last year said in an interview that his Lucky Cricket restaurant in Minnesota was saving the souls of people who dine at “(expletive) restaurants

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masquerading as Chinese food” in the Midwest. The “Bizarre Foods” host later apologized.

Ramsay, who is British, is opening the Japanese-inspired Lucky Cat restaurant in London this summer. In a press release in February, the “Kitchen Nightmares” star promised a restaurant that would be “revolutionary” and “authentic,” but many noted the lack of Asians in key executive positions.

On the flipside, there are chefs who have earned reputations as visionaries for mixing cuisines. Chef Roy Choi elevated the food truck when his Kogi BBQ hit the streets of Los Angeles in 2008. Choi combined his Korean roots with tortillas and came up with mouthwatering munchies like Korean short rib tacos. Being against cultural appropriation doesn’t necessarily mean being against anyone cooking outside of their own ethnicity or culture, said Ku, the professor. It’s the line between appropriation and appreciation where things can get tenuous.

“What people are reacting to is saying ‘For generations, Chinese in America were doing stuff but they did it horribly. As a white person, I can do it better,’” Ku said. □

# State probes doctor it says branded women in sex slave case

By **TOM HAYS and DAVID KLEPPER**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Health officials are investigating a doctor they say branded women under unsafe conditions at the behest of the spiritual leader of a secretive self-help group based in upstate New York, according to court documents about the accusations.

The papers containing the revelations stem from a legal fight pitting the state Department of Health against women it says have refused to answer questions about Dr. Danielle Roberts. The Times Union of Albany first reported the investiga-

tion Friday.

Officials launched the inquiry into suspected professional misconduct by Roberts in response to a 2017 complaint alleging “the physician participated in the initiation ceremony for a secret society, which involved the branding of female initiates with a cauterized pen without anesthesia and under duress,” according to a ruling last year by Acting Supreme Court Justice Kimberly O’Connor. The judge allowed the administrative investigation to go forward, rejecting arguments by lawyers for eight women — identified only as “Jane Does” — that they could defy subpoenas de-

manding answers because “the branding was a voluntary free expression of personal beliefs that they engaged in as a manifestation of their right to private association.”

Roberts hasn’t been charged with a crime. But the court documents made clear she is under investigation on suspicion of violating state standards for doctors by branding several women with the symbols representing the initials of Keith Raniere, the onetime leader of the group called NXIVM.

Email messages seeking comment were left Friday with lawyers representing Roberts and the women,

who haven’t been identified. Health officials declined to comment on the status of her case.

Details of the inquiry surfaced as Raniere nears trial on charges he used his cult-like organization to form a subgroup of sex slaves at his command. The legal dispute also demonstrates the sharp divide between followers who have refused to betray someone known within NXIVM as “Vanguard” and those who have admitted to enabling his alleged dark side.

On Monday, TV actress Allison Mack pleaded guilty to charges she helped recruit and manipulate women to serve Raniere against their

will. Mack, best known for her role as a young Superman’s close friend on the series “Smallville,” admitted she obtained compromising information and images of two unidentified women — called “collateral” within the group — that she threatened to make public if they didn’t perform “so-called acts of love.”

Another woman charged in the alleged conspiracy, Lauren Salzman, admitted in a guilty plea that she held a woman from Mexico hostage in an upstate home for more than two years under threat of having her deported “if she did not complete labor requested by myself and others.” □



# UK's anti-EU Brexit Party launches EU election campaign

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Pro-Brexit British politician Nigel Farage on Friday launched a campaign for an election that may never take place to an institution he routinely insults — the contest for U.K. seats in the European Parliament.

Britain was supposed to have left the European Union before the European elections, which take place in late May in every EU nation. But with Britain's Parliament still deadlocked over whether to approve the government's divorce deal with the bloc, EU leaders have postponed the Brexit deadline until Oct. 31.

British Prime Minister Theresa May says taking part in this year's European elections three years after the nation voted to leave the EU would be "unthinkable." She still hopes Britain can avoid the U.K.'s May 23 election by leaving the 28-nation bloc before then. But with British lawmakers unwilling to endorse the divorce agreement that May forged with the EU, preparations have begun to fill the 73 U.K. spots in the 751-seat European legislature. Winning candidates from Britain will only get to serve as long as their country remains in the EU.



**British MEP Nigel Farage speaks during the launch of the Brexit Party's European election campaign, Coventry, England, Friday, April 12, 2019.**

Britain's ruling Conservatives and the opposition Labour party are unenthusiastic about running in the European Parliament election, where they are likely to be punished by disgruntled voters.

But pro-Brexit and pro-EU parties are eager to run in a contest seen by many as a way to express their strongly divergent views on the EU.

Farage held the first campaign rally of his newly

formed Brexit Party, calling delays to Britain's departure from the EU "a willful betrayal of the greatest democratic exercise in the history of this nation."

"The fightback begins here," said Farage, who formerly led the U.K. Independence Party and has sat in the European parliament since 1999.

Farage was instrumental in helping the Leave side win Britain's 2016 referendum on EU membership,

but stepped down as UKIP leader after the referendum. UKIP has since shifted to the far right; its new leader hired anti-Muslim agitator and convicted fraudster Tommy Robinson as an adviser.

Farage said he did not want to be a part of a party that promoted "violence, criminal records and thuggery." Other candidates for the Brexit Party include Annunziata Rees-Mogg, sister of pro-Brexit Conservative

lawmaker Jacob Rees-Mogg. "I joined the Conservative Party in 1984 and this is not a decision I have made lightly — to leave a party for which I have fought at every election since 1987, from Maggie Thatcher through to Theresa May," she said. "I know which one I'd rather have representing us now."

The pro-EU Independent Group, founded by British lawmakers who quit Labour and the Conservatives, has registered to become a political party so it can run in the EU election on a platform calling for a new referendum on Britain's EU membership.

After months of acrimonious, indecisive yet cliff-edged wrangling in Parliament over Brexit, U.K. lawmakers began a 10-day Easter break on Friday. May has urged them to "reflect" and use the break to "resolve to find a way through this impasse."

Talks continued Friday between senior lawmakers in May's Conservative-led government and the Labour Party in hopes of striking a compromise Brexit deal that can win majority support in Parliament. Several rounds of negotiations over the past week have so far failed to reach a Brexit compromise. □

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# France's Macron meets Ukraine's 2 presidential contenders

By GEIR MOULSON  
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**PARIS (AP)** — Ukraine's beleaguered president traveled to Germany and France on Friday ahead of a presidential runoff in which he is trailing a comic actor who is a political novice. His rival headed to Paris only.

Polls show Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko behind by a wide margin ahead of the April 21 runoff against Volodymyr Zelenskiy. Germany and France, which have led diplomatic efforts for years trying to ease tensions between warring neighbors Ukraine and Russia, are following the election closely.



**German Chancellor Angela Merkel, right, and the President of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko, left, address the media during a joint press conference as part of a meeting at the chancellery in Berlin, Germany, Friday, April 12, 2019.**

Macron successively met with Zelenskiy and Poroshenko at the Elysee presidential palace in Paris.

"We had a very constructive conversation," Zelenskiy was quoted as saying by

Russia's state news agency as saying after the talks. "It was a pleasure to meet Mr. Macron."

He would not elaborate. After his meeting with the French president, Porosh-

enko later tweeted that he was "happy to meet with a sincere friend of Ukraine." Macron didn't make any comment to the press.

In Berlin, Merkel received only Poroshenko. Her spokesman, Steffen Seibert, said a meeting with Zelenskiy "is not planned at present." At a joint news conference in the German capital, Merkel deflected a question about the impression that she favors Poroshenko, arguing that she is in "permanent contact" with the incumbent and it's important to keep talking on those topics despite Ukraine's election.

"We have built very close relations in the last few years," Merkel said, adding

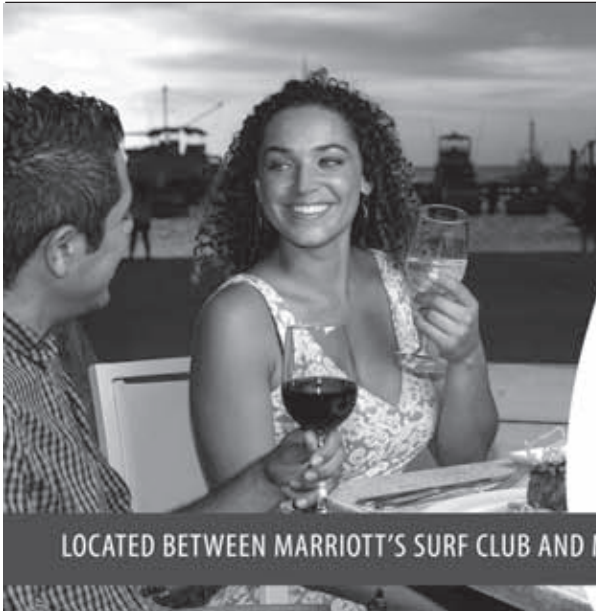
that "implementing democratic change is a complicated process ... Ukraine has made progress here, but certainly is not at the end of the road."

Germany and France brokered a 2015 peace accord with Kiev and Moscow to stop the fighting in eastern Ukraine between government forces and Russia-backed separatists, but the deal is far from fully implemented.

"We must continue on this path, because it is the only one I can see on which we can really make progress," Merkel said, adding that she favors continuing four-way talks between Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France. □

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## Finns to vote on how best to save their welfare state

By JARI TANNER  
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**HELSINKI (AP)** — Finns will be voting Sunday in a parliamentary election shaped by debates on how best to preserve their generous welfare model despite having one of the world's most rapidly aging populations. And in this Nordic nation, which has one-third of its territory above the Arctic Circle, anxieties over climate change are emerging more than ever.

In many respects, the choices facing Finland's 4.5 million eligible voters reflect trends seen across Europe: a populist anti-immigrant, euroskeptic party is rising in opinion polls, while traditional political parties have lost ground. In Finland, the nationalist Finns Party is polling in second place.

But in an exception to that trend, Finland's center-left Social Democratic Party tops a recent poll with 19% support. It would still need to find coalition partners if it ended up trying to form the next government.



Chairman Antti Rinne, left, of the Social Democratic Party and the Centre Party chairman Juha Sipil' joke during parliamentary elections debate arranged by newspaper Helsingin Sanomat in Helsinki, Finland, on April 9, 2019.

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Led by Antti Rinne, a former finance minister, the Social Democrats plan to raise taxes and increase spending to preserve a welfare system that is under huge strains. The party has also vowed to continue the country's pro-European Union policies.

The outgoing center-right government led by Prime Minister Juha Sipilä, leader of the Center Party and a former technology executive, pushed through an austerity package after winning in 2015. That helped Finland return to growth and improve public

finances after a three-year recession.

Sipilä and his Cabinet resigned in March, a month early, after failing to push through a major social and health reform package.

With its low birth rate and quickly aging population, Finland's key challenge

now is finding ways to preserve the social system that has for years topped global quality-of-life and happiness rankings and created a world-renowned education system. Voters will be choosing among 19 parties to fill 200 seats in Parliament. In all, five parties are polling at over 12% support, including the conservative National Coalition Party, the nationalist Finns Party, Sipilä's Center Party and the Greens.

The Finns Party, formerly known as the True Finns, was in opposition for its first 20 years but won nearly 18% support in 2015 and was part of the government coalition until 2017, when a faction defected.

Despite the split, the party has surged in recent opinion polls under its soft-spoken leader, Jussi Halla-aho. An April 11 poll by Finnish public broadcaster YLE showed it emerging as the second-largest party with over 16% support. The poll gave a margin of error of plus or minus 2.3 percentage points. □



Polish Foreign Minister Jacek Czaputowicz, right, and his German counterpart Heiko Maas shake hands prior to the Berlin Process Foreign Ministers meeting in Warsaw, Poland, Friday, April 12, 2019.

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## Balkan states urged to resolve differences to join EU

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**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** — Countries in the western Balkans aspiring to join the European Union, such as Serbia and Kosovo, should be given a clear pathway to membership provided they solve their differences, German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said Friday. At a conference of foreign ministers

of the so-called Berlin Process, which brings together those aspiring states and some EU members, Maas said it was "very important to offer the countries in that region a clear perspective of membership." provided any differences including any lingering from the wars of the 1990s are resolved. On an invitation from Ger-

man Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron, Berlin is also to host a meeting of western Balkan and EU high representatives April 29. He said those who do not seek reconciliation with neighbors will remain stuck in their past, also in the area of economy and social welfare. □



# Sudan army removes leader, rejects al-Bashir extradition

By **MAGGIE MICHAEL**

**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — The Sudanese military on Friday swiftly replaced the country's transitional leader linked to the Darfur genocide after street rallies against him and said that it wouldn't hand over ousted President Omar al-Bashir to the International Criminal Court, where he faces charges of crimes against humanity. Thousands of jubilant protesters celebrated in the streets after Defense Minister Gen. Awad ibn Ouf, who was name de facto leader after overthrowing al-Bashir on Thursday, announced he was stepping down as transitional leader. He named a reputable army general as his successor.

Ibn Ouf said he would be replaced by Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, general inspector of the armed forces, as head of the transitional council, which will rule the country for two years until elections.

"I am confident he will steer the ship to safe shores," he said of Burhan, adding he was stepping aside to "preserve unity" of the armed forces.

Burhan's record appears to be cleaner than the rest of al-Bashir's generals, and he is not known to be implicated in war crimes or wanted by international courts. He was one of the generals who reached out to protesters at the week-long encampment near the military headquarters, meeting with them face to face, and listening to their views.

Chants rang out across the sit-in where tens of thousands have been rallying in front of the military headquarters to protest the military takeover of power after al-Bashir's ouster. "Revolutionaries, we will continue our path," the protesters shouted as they danced and clapped.

Earlier Friday, another top general, Omar Zein Abedeen said that the 75-year-old al-Bashir would not be extradited to the International Criminal Court, based in The Hague, Neth-

erlands, saying doing so would be "an ugly mark on Sudan."

"Even rebels carrying

judges rejected a request by the court's prosecutor to open an investigation into war crimes and

Bashir's inner circle. Zein Abedeen confirmed the media reports Friday without specifying the two men.



**Demonstrators gather in Sudan's capital of Khartoum, Friday, April 12, 2019.**

**Associated Press**

weapons, we don't extradite them," he told reporters at a news conference in Khartoum.

Zein Abedeen said Sudanese courts would hold al-Bashir "accountable," but did not specify what charges he could be prosecuted on. After his arrest, the military denounced him and his government for corruption, maladministration and "lack of justice."

The developments point to the sensitivity of the Darfur conflict for the military that arrested al-Bashir after four months of deadly street demonstration against his 30-year rule.

The protesters rejected ibn Ouf's leadership because he was head of military intelligence during the brutal campaign to suppress the Darfur insurgency in the 2000s. The United States has imposed sanctions on him since 2007, saying he armed and directed pro-government militias known as the Janjaweed, accused of widespread atrocities against civilians and rapes during the conflict.

The move also underscores the limits on the reach of the International Criminal Court. On Friday, ICC

crimes against humanity in Afghanistan and alleged crimes by U.S. forces there, in part because the U.S., Afghan government and Taliban are not expected to cooperate.

In the Darfur conflict, rebels among the territory's ethnic Central African community launched an insurgency in 2003, complaining of discrimination and oppression by the Arab-dominated Khartoum government. The government responded with a scorched earth assault of aerial bombings and unleashed the Janjaweed. Up to 300,000 people were killed and 2.7 million driven from their homes.

Along with al-Bashir, the ICC has indicted two other senior figures in his regime — Abdel-Rahim Muhammad Hussein, who was interior and defense minister during much of the conflict, and Ahmed Haroun, a senior security chief at the time who last month was named by al-Bashir to run the ruling National Congress Party.

Both were among those reported by the Sudanese media to have been arrested Thursday in a sweep by the military against al-

An ICC spokesman declined to comment on al-Bashir's case. On Thursday, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch urged the Sudanese military to hand over the ousted leader. "Victims of the gravest crimes in Darfur should not have to wait any longer for justice," said Jehanne Henry, associate director at Human Rights Watch.

Meanwhile, Zein Abedeen sought to reassure protesters who, while celebrating al-Bashir's removal, oppose the military's seizure of power. After ousting the president, the military announced it would rule the country for two years through a transitional council. It also suspended the constitution, dissolved the government, declared a three-month state of emergency and imposed a night-time curfew.

Protest organizers have vowed not to end their street action until a civilian transitional council is formed, saying rule by military commanders who for years were al-Bashir loyalists is just an extension of his regime.

The curfew and state of emergency have raised fears the military could

eventually disperse the sit-in by force. But at least initially, it appears to be trying to persuade protest organizers to end the campaign.

Speaking at a news conference aired live on state TV and flanked by other uniformed officers, Zein Abedeen insisted the army has no ambition to hold the reins of power for long.

"If within a month, Sudan became able to run itself without chaos, we are ready to leave even after a month. The maximum is two years," he said. He said the military would only appoint the defense and interior ministers in any transitional government and would not interfere.

"This was not a coup," but a "tool of change," he said. "We came ... to guide the country forward."

But protest organizers rejected the military's assurances, calling them "deception and farce."

The Sudanese Professionals Association, which has spearheaded the four months of demonstrations against al-Bashir, said the "coup leaders ... are not eligible to bring change," and repeated demands for the "immediate handover of power to a civilian transitional government."

At the sit-in, the mood was festive. Some protesters brought in mattresses, fans and even air conditioners, while others swept the streets to keep them clean, signaling they intend to stay long-term. As thousands of Muslim worshippers lined up in the street to hold prayers, Christians among the protesters held blankets over them to shade them from the sun in a show of solidarity.

There were also signs of cracks among al-Bashir's former loyalists. On Friday, the commander of Sudan's feared Rapid Support Force, a paramilitary force, expressed support for the protesters, saying the forces will not "accept any solutions rejected by the Sudanese people" and called for dialogue so Sudan would "avoid slipping into chaos." □





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# WTO upholds South Korean ban on Fukushima seafood

By KIM TONG-HYUNG  
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Associated Press

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** — The World Trade Organization has upheld South Korea's import ban on Japanese seafood from areas affected by the 2011 nuclear disaster in Fukushima, overturning a ruling by a lower panel last year that said Seoul was unfairly discriminating against Japanese products.

The decision is a setback for Japan, which has promoted Fukushima's recovery from the nuclear disaster and the safety of its agricultural and fisheries products ahead of next year's Summer Olympics in Tokyo. South Korea on Friday welcomed the decision and said it will continue to block all fishery products from Fukushima and seven neighboring prefectures to ensure "only foods that are confirmed as safe are put on the table."

Japan said the WTO ruling was "extremely regrettable" and vowed to get



Yoon Chang-yul, second from right, a senior official at the Prime Minister's Office, announces the government's stance on the World Trade Organization's ruling in favor of South Korea's import ban on Japanese seafood at the government complex in Sejong, South Korea, Friday, April 12, 2019.

Associated Press

the import ban reversed through bilateral talks with South Korea. Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono summoned South Korean Ambassador Lee Su-hoon to convey Tokyo's displeasure.

"The government will continue to maintain and strengthen our quarantine sovereignty and safety net," said Yoon Chang-yul, an official from South Korea's Office for Government Policy Coordination.

Yoon said the WTO ruling allows Seoul to maintain the ban "indefinitely" until it views the safety concerns as fully resolved. When asked about the possibility of the seafood ban fueling larger trade and diplomatic disputes, he said that "hopefully, that won't happen."

South Korea broadened initial import restrictions to a blanket ban covering all seafood products from the eight prefectures in 2013,

after the Tokyo Electric Power Company revealed that highly contaminated water leaked from a storage tank at a crippled nuclear plant in Fukushima that was submerged by a massive tsunami in 2011.

Japan launched a complaint with the WTO over the ban in 2015, saying that the radioactive levels of seafood from the areas were safe. The appellate body reversed key points of a verdict by a lower dispute panel last year that supported Japanese claims that the South Korean measures excessively restricted trade and were "arbitrarily or unjustifiably discriminating" against Japanese food products.

The appellate body said the panel failed to consider whether the methods of contamination testing proposed by Japan would fully satisfy South Korean protection standards. The Fukushima plant has now been significantly stabilized and radiation has come down to levels con-

sidered safe in most areas. Still, more than 20 countries and areas keep their import ban or restrictions on Japanese fisheries and agricultural products, although the number had come down from 54 soon after the disaster. The government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has pushed agricultural exports as a main part of its economic growth strategy.

South Korea's imports of Japanese seafood have declined significantly since the 2013 ban. South Korea imported about 20,000 tons to 30,000 tons of pollack and mackerel from Japan in 2010, but the volume dropped below 3,000 tons in 2018 with the country continuing to buy more fish from alternative sources like Russia and Norway, Yoon said. "Easing and lifting of import restrictions related to the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant accident is an extremely important issue," said Yoshihide Suga, Japan's chief Cabinet secretary. □

# Malaysia revives China-backed rail link, cost cut by a third

By EILEEN NG  
Associated Press

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** — Malaysia's government said Friday it has decided to resume a China-backed rail link project, after the Chinese contractor agreed to cut construction cost by one-third.

The deal ended months of vacillating over the 688-kilometer (430-mile) East Coast Rail Link, which connects Malaysia's west coast to eastern rural states and is a key part of China's Belt and Road infrastructure initiative.

The prime minister's office said in a statement it wel-



In this Sept. 8, 2017, photo, visitors view a scale model of the ECRL (East Coast Rail Link) during the launching of the train project in Kuantan, east coast of peninsula Malaysia.

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comed the signing of a supplementary agreement between Malaysia Rail Link Sendirian Berhad and state-owned China Communications Construction Company Ltd. to revive the project.

The agreement covering engineering, construction and other aspects of the project followed months of negotiations.

It said the construction cost of the first two phases of the project will be cut to 44 billion ringgit (\$10.7 billion), down one-third from the original cost of 65.5 billion ringgit (\$15.9 billion).

"This reduction will surely

benefit Malaysia and lighten the burden on the country's financial position," the statement said.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad will give further details at a news conference on Monday, it added.

The government last year suspended works on the rail link pending renegotiations.

Mahathir initially suggested the rail project will be called off because the high cost could burden the country with debts for decades. But he later said negotiations were ongoing and the government hadn't made a final decision. □



# Collapse of buildings in Rio kills 2 in militia-run area

By **PETER PRENGAMAN**  
**C.H. GARDINER**  
**Associated Press**

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Firefighters on Friday dug through rubble in search of survivors after two condemned buildings collapsed in Rio de Janeiro, killing at least three people and leaving another 10 injured.

The collapse of the four-story buildings underscored the shoddy infrastructure that plagues Latin America's largest nation and put a spotlight on illegal militias that control large swaths of Rio, including the area where the buildings stood. A statement from the office of Rio Mayor Marcelo Crivella said the area was run by militias and the buildings did not have permits. Authorities were only able to reach the area while being accompanied by police in November, when they condemned the buildings, according to the statement. Militias, which are made up of former firefighters, police and soldiers, charge residents for basic services in areas they control. When they began forming decades ago, many saw them as a force for good because they provided security that the state could



**Firefighters try to find victims amid the debris of two buildings that collapsed in Muzema neighborhood, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday, April 12, 2019.**

not. Today, however, such groups are full-fledged criminal organizations which are often considered the most severe security threat in Rio. In a practice called "grilagem," militias often take control of public land and build illegal housing to rent informally. Many Brazilians choose to live in the residences because the prices are cheaper than legally registered buildings, but there are no regulations or

safety checks. Last year, posts on social media advertised units in the buildings that collapsed. The posts made clear that they were not legal, but said the apartments were "beautiful investments" with elevators, round-the-clock security and easy access to public transportation. The social media posts came from users who claimed to work for a real estate company called Imobiliária Muzema. The

Brazilian real estate regulation agency CRECI told The Associated Press that it has no registration of a company with that name. An investigation last year by Brazilian news agency O Globo flagged Imobiliaria Muzema as being responsible for selling properties built illegally by militias. The two buildings that collapsed Friday were in a part of the city that also was particularly hard hit by heavy rains that caused

**Associated Press**

massive flooding Friday and killed at least 10 people. Mud from the flooding still lined the streets. Following a similar downpour in February, Mayor Crivella told daily TV Globo that authorities had cleared militias from the area, and the city was working to improve the drainage system. Residents told the AP Friday that militia members never left the area and were still charging for many basic services. The residents asked that their names not be used for fear of retribution. It wasn't immediately clear how many people were inside when the buildings fell. A spokesman for firefighters told the AP that two bodies had been recovered from the buildings and the area was being cordoned off to search. In keeping with agency protocol, the spokesman asked his name not be used. A third person identified as Claudio Rodrigues, 41, was pulled from the rubble but died at the hospital from injuries sustained in the collapse, according to Brazilian newspaper O Dia. The paper reported that Rodrigues' wife and daughter were also injured but alive. □

# Mexican prisons still dirty but less dangerous and crowded

**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexico's state and federal prison systems are understaffed and dirty, but are no longer so dangerous and overcrowded, according to a report released Thursday. The governmental National Human Rights Commission says that 84 percent of the 165 state prisons inspected have insufficient staff, 76 percent don't adequately separate convicted inmates from people awaiting trial, and 72 percent had problems with hygiene. But prison riots and fights fell to 892 in 2018, down from 1,043 in 2017. And killings inside prisons fell from 104 in 2017 to 31 in 2018. Overcrowding was re-



**In this April 1, 2018 file photo, state police patrol outside La Toma prison in Amatlan de los Reyes, Veracruz state, Mexico, after authorities said that six police officers died from smoke inhalation when prisoners started a fire while resisting an effort to transfer dangerous inmates out of the prison.**

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ported at 34 percent of state prisons and none of the 21 federal prisons. That marked progress for prisons that had once often been

seriously overcrowded. However, Mexico's Congress recently approved reforms that would require more people to spend time

in prison on pre-trial detention, a practice that had been reserved only for the most serious crimes. The head of the rights commission, Luis Gonzalez Perez, predicted that would swell the prison population, and that the construction of new prisons hadn't kept up with the predicted increase. "The risk is that the prison population is going to grow strongly, that's the risk and we haven't solved it," said Gonzalez Perez. "That is why, when measures are taken, they have to be integrally planned." Inmates control at least some activities at 45 percent of state prisons and extort other inmates at 40 percent. The commission criticized this year's deci-

sion to close the Islas Marias penal colony, noting the island facility was the highest-rated among all federal prisons. The last 652 inmates were transferred off the island, located 70 miles (110 kilometers) off the Pacific coast of Nayarit state, in February. The penal colony, the last of its type in the hemisphere, will be turned into an environmental education center. The island's low-risk population, lack of walls in most places and greater liberty for inmates made it a good place for inmates to get ready for release. But the costs associated with maintaining the remote island prison were much higher than other mainland prisons. □



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Marouska Heyliger of the Aruba Tourism Authority thanked her for choosing Aruba as her vacation destination and as her home away from home for so many years together with representatives of Divi Links Resort.

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## Ms Canada's Charity with a Heart for Aruba

EAGLE BEACH - Michelle Begin is from Ottawa, Canada, and is a truly loyal visitor of our Happy Island for the last 38 years. She is not the standard tourist though, Michelle, alias 'Ms. Canada,' has a heart for the people of Aruba. She dedicates her time here for

raising funds for those who need support. "It makes me happy to see other people happy. To make a difference in somebody's life is my drive. I have always done charity work, I have the need to give. It's in my nature."

Some of her good-hearted initiatives this year are the decoration of a senior's home she adopted and the Flatstone Ball Park that is adopted by the foundation to beautify it. Foundation Ambiente Feliz and Mrs. Canada & Mrs. Palmer's Soup Kitchen are always part of the goals that Ms. Canada sets. Yearly a Beach Volleyball Tournament is organized where all funds raised will benefit several foundations and good causes.

### Generous Community

Michelle's story began when she fell in love with the island 38 years ago. "I



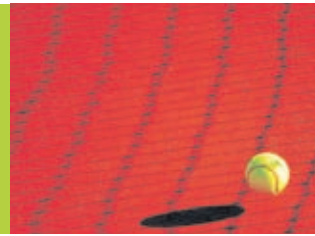
came here for vacation and 31 years long I enjoyed the people, restaurants and beaches. I had no idea there was such a need in social aspect, I did not expect the poverty I encountered. We tourists do not go further than the high rise zone and that is a shame. If we just give 1 percent of our vacation expenses to support good causes, we keep this island happy for everybody. Just see what you can do for seniors or children, don't close your eyes." For her it all changed when she participated in the Carnival Parade years ago. That's where she met the locals and realized there was a

high need for support. "I did not know about the children's home Casa Cuna but my first year I bought for \$1,000 dollars clothes, toys and so on." She felt empowered and came up with the idea of the Beach Volley tournament. "I needed teams and put banners in hotels, I asked different organizations and businesses for food, snacks, and drinks. The sponsors are simply great. We have a generous community, thank God." Visit the Ms Canada's Charity in Aruba Facebook page and check out all the wonderful projects she has been doing on the island of Aruba. □





# SPORTS



In this Oct. 2, 2011, file photo, former Green Bay Packers player and Hall of Famer Forrest Gregg is introduced at halftime of the Packers game against the Denver Broncos at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisc.

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## Forrest Gregg, lineman for mighty Packers teams, dies at 85

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
AP Pro Football Writer  
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.  
(AP) — Forrest Gregg, the great Hall of Fame lineman for the mighty Green Bay Packers of the 1960s that Vince Lombardi called the “finest player I ever coached,” died Friday at age 85.

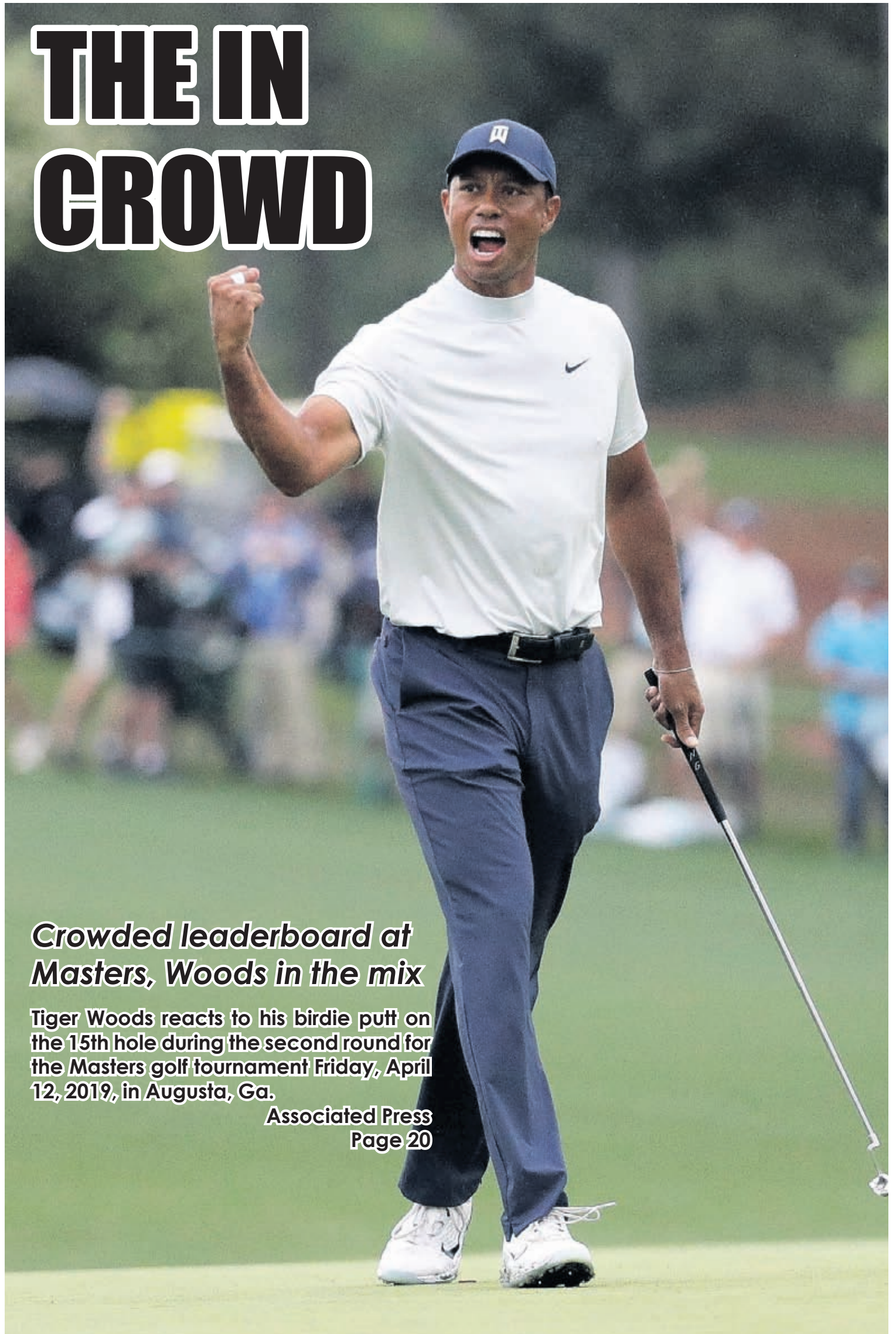
Barbara Gregg said her husband of 59 years died in Colorado Springs from complications of Parkinson’s disease.

“I lost my sweetheart this morning,” she said. “It’s awful. He died in my arms.” She said that in the last two weeks her husband received a constant flow of calls from former teammates and players telling him he’d made such a big difference in their lives.

“I’m overwhelmed at the amount of people that loved Forrest, of the number of players that said he made men out of them,” she said.

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# THE IN CROWD



## Crowded leaderboard at Masters, Woods in the mix

Tiger Woods reacts to his birdie putt on the 15th hole during the second round for the Masters golf tournament Friday, April 12, 2019, in Augusta, Ga.

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# Wieters leads Cards over Dodgers 11-7 for 4-game sweep

By The Associated Press

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Matt Wieters drove in a three runs and stole a base for just the third time in six years, leading St. Louis over Los Angeles for a four-game sweep of the NL champions.

Making his first start this season, the 32-year-old Wieters hit a sacrifice fly in the second inning and a two-run double in the fifth that put the Cardinals ahead 8-7. With runners at the corners in the fifth, Wieters stole second as Matt Carpenter struck out, his first steal since April 27, 2017, and just the ninth of his major league career.

St. Louis' bullpen combined for 5 1/3 scoreless innings in the series finale and allowed one run in the four games.

Harrison Bader was hit by pitches with the bases loaded in both the second and fifth innings. He was the first player to force in runs twice in a game while getting hit since Toronto's Reed Johnson on April 16, 2005, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

José Martínez matched a career high with four hits, including an RBI double off Yimi García in a two-run sixth. St. Louis set a season high for runs and swept the Dodgers in a four-game series for the first time since July 15-18, 2010.

David Freese and Walker Buehler hit solo home runs in the second inning for Los Angeles, and Kiké Hernández homered to cap a four-run third.

Giovanny Gallegos (1-0) pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings in his first appearance of the season for the Cardinals to win in relief of Michael Wacha, who allowed seven runs and eight hits in 3 2/3 innings. It was the first Major League win for Gallegos in 23 appearances.

Pedro Báez (0-1) gave up four runs — three earned — and four hits in one inning.

**REDS 5, MARLINS 0**

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Yasiel Puig returned from a two-game suspension and doubled home a pair of runs, and Cincinnati completed a reinvigorating three-



St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Andrew Miller, right, and catcher Matt Wieters celebrate an 11-7 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers after a baseball game Thursday, April 11, 2019, in St. Louis.

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game sweep of Miami.

The Reds entered the series with eight straight losses and the worst record in the NL. They came away with their first three-game sweep of the Marlins at Great American Ball Park since 2010.

Puig had most of the 11,192 fans chanting his name after he ran into the outfield wall unsuccessfully trying to grab a foul in the first inning, and again in the fifth when his double off Pablo Lopez (1-2) put the Reds up 4-0. He also got his first stolen base.

Puig missed the first two games of the series as punishment for his role in an on-field confrontation with the Pirates at PNC Park on Sunday.

Eugenio Suarez had three hits, including a solo homer, as the Reds got the better of a matchup two of the NL's worst offenses. The Marlins have scored the fewest runs in the league (34). The Reds came in with the worst batting average (.194) despite a 14-0 win in the second game of the series.

Robert Stephenson (1-0) got the victory in relief of starter Sonny Gray, who finally got a run but still couldn't get a win because of an injury.

**METS 6, BRAVES 3**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Amed Rosario drove in a career-high four runs, rookie Pete Alonso rocketed his latest homer into a terrace fountain far beyond the center field fence as New York beat Atlanta.

Steven Matz (1-0) pitched six innings and snapped the longest streak of no-decisions in Mets history. He had gone eight straight starts without a decision, a streak that began Sept. 1. He allowed two runs and four hits with one walk and eight strikeouts.

Rosario hit an early three-run homer and New York ended Atlanta's three-game winning streak in the opener of a four-game series. Alonso hit a two-run homer in the seventh off reliever Jonny Venters, a 454-foot laser with a 118 mph exit velocity that wound up floating in the water beyond straightaway center. The only players to hit a ball harder since the inception of Statcast are Giancarlo Stanton, Aaron Judge and Mike Trout.

Ronald Acuña Jr. homered off New York reliever Luis Avilán in the eighth, his fifth homer sailing 462 feet over the left field wall and into the second level of stands.

Gausman (1-1) allowed four runs, three walks and struck out five.

**CUBS 2, PIRATES 0**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Jose Quintana struck out 11 in seven innings of four-hit ball and Chicago blanked Pittsburgh. Daniel Descalso and Victor Caratini each had two hits and an RBI in a game that was delayed 69 minutes by rain before the eighth. Quintana (1-1) bounced back after being roughed up for eight runs and eight hits in three innings against Milwaukee in his first start of the season last Friday. It was the longest outing by a Chicago starter this season.

Steve Cishek pitched the eighth and Pedro Strop got three outs for his first save. The Cubs took two of three in their first home series after opening with a 2-7 road trip. Pirates starter Joe Musgrove (1-1) allowed two unearned runs and four hits in 6 1/3 innings.

**GIANTS 1, ROCKIES 0**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Jeff Samardzija and two relievers combined on a three-hitter and Kevin Pillar homered as San Francisco squeezed past slumping Colorado.

Samardzija (1-0) went seven innings and outpitched

Rockies starter Jon Gray to win for the first time in nearly a year. Colorado has lost six straight and 10 of 11.

The Rockies were shut out for the second time this season and have not held a lead since Chris Iannetta's 11th-inning homer on April 3 at Tampa Bay.

Samardzija permitted three hits, one walk and had a season-high seven strikeouts. Tony Watson retired three batters and Will Smith worked the ninth for his fourth save.

Gray (0-3) was almost as sharp but tied a National League record by allowing a home run in his 15th consecutive start. That was the only blemish on an otherwise crisp night for Gray, who gave up five hits and three walks with six strikeouts.

**PADRES 7, DIAMONDBACKS 6**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Manuel Margot hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning and San Diego bounced back after blowing a late five-run lead to Arizona.

Padres right-hander Pedro Avila was sharp in his major league debut, allowing a run and four hits while striking out five in 5 1/3 innings. Franmil Reyes hit a solo homer off Zack Godley in the fourth and Austin Hedges capped a five-run sixth with a three-run shot to put San Diego up 6-1.

But the bullpen couldn't hold the lead.

Arizona loaded the bases against Robert Stock in the seventh, scoring two runs on David Peralta's single. Brad Wieck entered and Eduardo Escobar hit a three-run homer off the top of the left field wall to tie it 6-all.

Archie Bradley (0-1) struck out the first two batters in the eighth before Margot hit his first homer of the season out to left.

Craig Stammen (1-0) allowed a hit before closing out the seventh inning and Trey Wingenter walked two in the ninth before striking out Nick Ahmed for his first career save.

The Padres have won six of eight to move into first place in the NL West. □



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## M's now 13-2 after topping Royals in 10

**By The Associated Press**  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Seattle became the first major league team to homer in each of its first 15 games when Dee Gordon connected in the sixth inning, then beat the Kansas City Royals 7-6 Thursday behind Daniel Vogelbach's home run in the 10th inning. Seattle improved the best record in the major leagues to 13-2, completing a four-game sweep and extending its winning streak to six. The Mariners became just the third team since 1987 to open with at least 13 wins in the first 15 games after Milwaukee (14-1 in 1987) and Boston (13-2 last year). Kansas City has lost 10 straight games, has the poorest record in the big leagues at 2-10 and is off to its worst 12-game start since 2006. The Royals failed to preserve leads of 4-0 in the sixth and 6-4 with two outs in the ninth.

Kansas City's Whit Merrifield had his hitting streak end at 31 games. Merrifield went 0 for 6. He had not gone hitless since Sept. 9.

Royals center fielder Billy Hamilton was carted off with a knee injury after failing to grab Mitch Haniger's tying, two-run triple in the ninth. Royals manager Ned Yost said he did not have an update on Hamilton's condition.

The 2002 Cleveland Indians had homered in each of their first 14 games. Seattle's 36 home runs are tied with the 2000 St. Louis Cardinals for the most in a club's first 15 games. The Mariners have scored five



Seattle Mariners designated hitter Daniel Vogelbach hits a solo home run during the 10th inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Thursday, April 11, 2019. The Mariners defeated the Royals 7-6 in 10 innings.

or more runs in all but one game.

Vogelbach hit a 427-foot drive off Glenn Sparkman (0-1) for his sixth home run this season.

Brandon Brennan (1-0) struck out three in the ninth, working around his own throwing error on a grounder to get his first big league win. Brennan has not allowed a run in his first 9 2/3 innings in the major leagues, holding batters to a .156 average (5 for 32).

Connor Sadzeck pitched a perfect 10th for his first professional save.

**ATHLETICS 8, ORIOLES 5**  
**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Oakland's Khris Davis hit a pair of home runs for the sec-

ond straight game, and Baltimore's Chris Davis extended his record hitless streak to 53 at-bats in the Athletics' victory.

Josh Phegley, Kendrys Morales and Marcus Semien also homered for the A's, who won three straight after losing the series opener. Khris Davis leads the majors with nine homers this season.

Chris Davis was 0 for 3 with a walk. In the fourth season of a \$161 million, seven-year contract, he is 0 for 32 this season and hasn't gotten a hit since Sept. 14, setting the mark for most consecutive hitless at-bats by a non-pitcher.

Aaron Brooks (2-1) started

against Baltimore for the first time in his career and allowed three runs, three hits and three walks in six innings. Blake Treinen pitched a perfect ninth with a pair of strikeouts for his fourth save.

Dylan Bundy (0-1) gave up six runs and seven hits in five-plus innings with eight strikeouts, and he tied a career-high by allowing four homers. The Orioles have given up at least one home run in all 13 games this year.

**INDIANS 4, TIGERS 0**  
**DETROIT (AP)** — Shane Bieber allowed three hits in seven innings, Leonys Martin homered in his return to Detroit and Cleveland shut out the Tigers.

Bieber (1-0) struck out six with one walk, improving to 8-0 on the road in his young career. Cleveland has won six of seven after taking two of three in this series.

Martin, traded from the Tigers to Cleveland last year, hit a solo homer in the third. He and Carlos Santana had three hits apiece for the Indians.

Spencer Turnbull (0-2) allowed three runs in four innings.

Turnbull struck out the game's first two hitters before Jake Bauers singled, stole second and scored on Santana's single. Martin made it 2-0 with his homer, then added an RBI single in the fourth.

**RED SOX 7, BLUE JAYS 6**  
**BOSTON (AP)** — Rafael Devers hit an RBI single with one out in the ninth inning and struggling Boston beat Toronto for its first home victory of the season.

Devers had his first career walk-off RBI.

Marcus Walden pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his second victory of the season.

The loss went to Ken Giles (0-1), who gave up two runs, two hits and walked three in the ninth, ending his streak of 34 consecutive converted save opportunities dating to Sept. 12, 2017. It was the longest active streak in the majors.

Mitch Moreland homered in the seventh inning for Boston and added a one-out double in the ninth that scored Mookie Betts.

Freddy Galvis, Justin Smoak and Rowdy Tellez homered for Toronto. □



# Tiger makes a Masters logjam look even larger

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

**AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)** — Tiger Woods made the largest logjam in Masters history look even bigger by making Augusta National sound as loud as ever.

Even on a Friday, in the rain. Golf's best worked their way to the top of the leaderboard at a Masters pregnant with possibilities. The first five-way tie for the lead after 36 holes at Augusta featured Francesco Molinari, Jason Day, Brooks Koepka, Adam Scott and Louis Oosthuizen.

All of them are major champions. Three have been No. 1 in the world.

Looming just as large was Woods, who atoned for missing two birdie chances inside 8 feet on the back nine with consecutive birdie putts from 30 feet that sent him to a 4-under 68 and left him one shot behind.

Woods was tied with Dustin Johnson, another major champion and world No. 1, along with Xander Schauffele and Masters newcomer Justin Harding of South Africa.

If that's not enough, Phil Mickelson and Justin Thomas were very much in the mix.

"This is really stacked," Scott said. "I think it's going to be an incredible weekend no matter what happens now."

Woods has gone 14 years since he last won the green jacket, 11 years since his last major and had five surgeries — four on his back, the other to rebuild his left knee.

But he feels he's getting closer.

"The last three majors, I've been right there," Woods said.

He briefly held the lead Sunday in the British Open. He chased Koepka to the finish line in the PGA Championship. And now he goes into the weekend one shot behind, the closest he has been to a lead going into the weekend at a major since the 2013 British Open at Muirfield.

But that's not just anyone he's trailing.



**Jason Day, of Australia, hits on the 17th hole during the second round for the Masters golf tournament Friday, April 12, 2019, in Augusta, Ga.**

Molinari, the British Open champion who has shown he belongs among the elite in golf, had a 67 and was the first to reach 7-under 137. Day was right behind, coping with nagging soreness in his lower back with a 67 to match the Italian.

Koepka, the U.S. Open and PGA champion, began with a birdie to quickly take the lead, only to hit out of the pine straw, off a tree and into the creek to make double bogey on the par-5 second hole. He made two more bogeys before reaching the seventh hole, and then pulled himself together to salvage a 71.

"You're going to be tested in a major championship one way or another," Koepka said. "I hit a bad shot; just got to suck it up and just keep going on. You've got a lot of holes left, and you can make up some ground. Thankfully, it wasn't on the 18th hole where you need a par to win or something. Just got to keep battling and see where I leave myself tomorrow af-

ternoon."

Scott was the only player to reach 8 under with a 2-iron into 5 feet for eagle on the 15th, only to miss a 3-foot par putt on the 16th. It added up to a 68 for the Australian who won the Masters six years ago, and has gone three years since his last victory.

He had a chance to win the PGA Championship in his last major until Koepka pulled away and Scott made a careless bogey at the end to finish third. He has shown flashes this year on the West Coast, at Torrey Pines and Riviera, but has geared his game toward this week.

Here he is, with a lot of company.

"Look, tomorrow is a very important day because there's no doubt someone in the top 15, or a few of them, are going to play very well," Scott said. "This is the best players in the world on the biggest stage that we all want to be in so badly."

The only scare for Woods

came on the 14th hole, when his drive went well left into the trees. The shot was pure, hooking around the pines to the green. On his quick walk to the fairway to see where the shot finished, a Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent rushing over to control the spectators behind Woods slipped on the rain-slickened grass and slid into Woods' right leg.

Woods hopped out of the way, winced and repeatedly flexed his ankle, and then poured in another putt.

He didn't show any trouble the rest of the way, and didn't find much interest in talking about it after his round except to say "accidents happen" and "it's all good." He was particularly happy to finish, especially after storms moved into the area and stopped play right after his tee shot into 5 feet on the dangerous par-3 12th.

The delay lasted only 29 minutes. Woods returned to miss the putt, and then took

three shots from 35 feet behind the par-5 13th green to lose another prime birdie opportunity. But he made it up for them with a couple of long birdie putts, and he had no complaints with his position.

"I feel like I played my own way back into the tournament," Woods said. "I was just very patient today, felt very good to be out there doing what I was doing. This is now three straight majors that I've been in the mix and so it's good stuff." Mickelson stumbled to a 73 but still was only three shots behind. Bryson DeChambeau, who shared the 18-hole lead with Koepka, went bogey-double bogey around the turn and shot 75. He still was within four shots, along with Justin Thomas, who had a 68.

As for Rory McIlroy, the career Grand Slam might need to wait another year. McIlroy played the par 5s in even — two bogeys, one par and an eagle on No. 8 that got him under par, but only briefly. He was only

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# Luke Walton out as Lakers coach after 3 losing seasons

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Luke Walton is out as coach of the Los Angeles Lakers after three losing seasons.

Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka announced Walton's departure Friday, three days after the abrupt resignation of president of basketball operations Magic Johnson. Pelinka called Walton leaving a mutual decision.

The former Lakers forward went 98-148 after getting his first permanent head coaching job with the 16-time NBA champions. The former Golden State assistant never led the Lakers to the playoffs, not even after the arrival of LeBron James last summer.

Walton leaves three days after the Lakers' final game of their 37-45 season was upstaged by the shocking pregame resignation of Johnson, who inherited Walton when he took over the Lakers' front office in February 2017. Johnson attributed his decision in part to his desire and reluctance to fire Walton, who is close to Lakers owner Jeanie Buss.

A potential power struggle instead ended with both men out of their jobs after this wild week. Pelinka, who was hired along with Johnson, announced the move



Los Angeles Lakers coach Luke Walton gestures during the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in Los Angeles. The Trail Blazers won 104-101.

in a possible sign of the increased organizational power of Kobe Bryant's former agent.

"I want to thank Jeanie Buss and the Buss family for giving me the opportunity to coach the Lakers," Walton said in a statement issued by the Lakers. "This franchise and the city will always be special to me and my family."

Walton joined the Lakers with fanfare in 2016 after his successful tenure alongside coach Steve Kerr with the powerhouse Warriors. Walton stepped in as Golden

State's interim coach when Kerr was sidelined by health issues to start the 2015-16 season, and he led the Warriors to a 24-0 start and a 39-4 record before Kerr returned to the bench.

"They're losing one of the best human beings in the NBA. They're losing a guy who knows the game as well as anybody I've ever met," Kerr said Friday in Oakland. "They're losing somebody who players believe in, players want to play for. But again, he was dependent on circumstances, just like all of us

are. I feel for Luke." The Lakers improved their record in each of Walton's three seasons, but never finished higher than third place in the Pacific Division. The current Lakers were the franchise's most successful team since their playoff drought began in 2013, but it wasn't enough to save Walton's job.

"I think Luke did a hell of a job with what he had, the cards he was dealt," point guard Rajon Rondo said. "The guys fought every night." Los Angeles was in fourth place in the Western

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Conference at 20-14 after beating Golden State last Christmas, but James and Rondo were injured during the game. The Lakers' season fell apart during the longest injury absence of James' career, and they ended the season with nearly every important player in their young core sidelined by injuries. Walton was tasked with one of the most difficult jobs in the NBA this season. Johnson and Pelinka gave him an oddly constructed roster of idiosyncratic NBA veterans on one-year deals playing alongside James and several talented youngsters including Brandon Ingram, Lonzo Ball, Kyle Kuzma and Josh Hart.

Walton's Lakers also were rattled by Johnson's mid-season pursuit of disgruntled New Orleans forward Anthony Davis in a trade that would have resulted in a complete roster upheaval. Several Lakers acknowledged the shadowy pursuit's impact on their play. "It affected us a lot," guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope said. "Once the trade talk was there, the locker room changed. Everybody was pretty much worried about that, especially guys that haven't been through it. They were worried where they were going to end up." □

# Shorter season? Shorter games? Silver ponders NBA format

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Commissioner Adam Silver mentioned shorter games or a shorter season as ways the NBA could make its future product better for players and fans.

Silver again talked Friday about the possibility of altering the 82-game schedule, either as a way to cut down on players sitting out games, or to introduce new types of competition.

"I think a fair point from fans could be if ultimately the science suggests that 82 games is too many games for these players, maybe you shouldn't have an 82-



In this Feb. 16, 2019, file photo, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver speaks during the NBA All-Star festivities in Charlotte, N.C.

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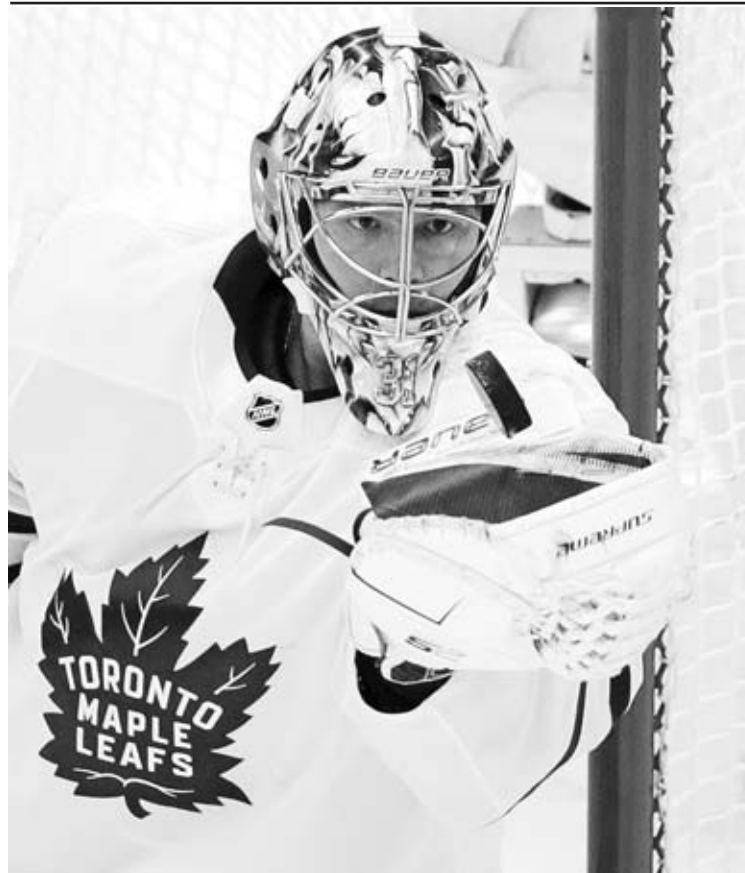
game season," Silver said. "I accept that, and that's something we'll continue to look at." He said the addition of midseason or end-

of-season tournaments could be one option, as could trimming games from 48 minutes to 40, which is the length of college and

international games. Silver has focused on player health as commissioner, opening the regular season earlier to reduce the frequency of back-to-back games, and lengthening the All-Star break. But players are still sitting out games throughout the season, often for reasons being listed as load management. Even if 82 games remains the format, Silver is intrigued by ways the scheduled can be arranged. He has pointed to European soccer, which has tournaments along with its league games during the season, as something that could bring new interest to the

NBA by offering teams more opportunities to win something, instead of just having one champion. "That's why I'm particularly interested in looking at different kinds of formats — at midseason tournaments, for example, play-in tournaments — because even accepting that players have so many miles on their bodies, there may be better ways to present it," Silver said. "Assuming guys are going to play 82 games, maybe there should be a certain number of games in the regular season and then there should be two tournaments throughout the season." □





Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender Frederik Andersen makes a save during the first period of Game 1 of an NHL hockey first-round playoff series against the Boston Bruins, Thursday, April 11, 2019 in Boston.

**By The Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Nicklas Backstrom and Alex Ovechkin combined to score three goals on the first eight shots, and the de-

**Associated Press**

fending Stanley Cup champion Washington Capitals survived a surge from Andrei Svechnikov and the Carolina Hurricanes to win Game 1 of their first-round

## Capitals jump out to early lead, hang on to beat Hurricanes

series 4-2 on Thursday night. Backstrom scored twice and Ovechkin scored on the power play to fire up a raucous sellout crowd in the first playoff game in Washington since celebrating the franchise's first title in June. Defenseman John Carlson tied an NHL playoff record with three assists in one period. Lars Eller sealed with an empty-netter with 36.6 seconds left.

It looked as though the Capitals would roll toward a statement victory against an opponent lacking playoff experience, but the pesky Hurricanes turned up the heat. Petr Mrazek bounced back from a rough start to make four huge saves early in the third period, while Svechnikov scored twice in his playoff debut to put some fear into the Capitals. Braden Holtby made 27 saves and the penalty kill came up big on two late Carolina power plays to al-

low Washington to take a 1-0 series lead. Game 2 is Saturday in Washington.

The Hurricanes were playing their first playoff game since 2009 after ending the league's longest drought.

**MAPLE LEAFS 4, BRUINS 1 BOSTON (AP)** — Mitch Marner scored twice, the second on a short-handed penalty shot to give Toronto the lead for good, and Toronto won the opener of the first-round playoff series. It was the Maple Leafs' first postseason penalty shot in 20 years.

Frederik Andersen made 37 saves and William Nylander and John Tavares also scored for Toronto, which swiped the home-ice advantage in the best-of-seven series as it tries to advance through Boston for the first time in six tries.

Tuukka Rask stopped 29 shots for Boston, and Patrice Bergeron scored a power-play goal midway

through the first on a pass from Brad Marchand.

Game 2 is Saturday night in Boston.

**FLAMES 4, AVALANCHE 0 CALGARY, Alberta (AP)** — Matthew Tkachuk scored twice, Mike Smith made 26 saves for his first playoff shutout in nearly seven years, and the Flames blanked the Colorado Avalanche in Game 1 of their first-round Western Conference playoff series.

Rookie Andrew Mangiapane and Mikael Backlund also scored as Calgary won its first playoff game since beating Anaheim 4-3 in overtime on May 5, 2015. The shutout was Smith's first in the postseason since May 20, 2012, when he made 36 stops while with the Phoenix Coyotes to shut out the Los Angeles Kings in Game 4 of the Western Conference final.

Game 2 is Saturday night in Calgary. □

## Custer pulls away to win NASCAR Xfinity race at Richmond

**By HANK KURZ Jr.**  
**AP Sports Writer**  
**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)** — Cole Custer was openly hoping for rain to shorten the NASCAR Xfinity race at Richmond Raceway on Friday night.

Then, he was desperately hoping for the rain to stay away.

Custer passed Austin Cindric with 20 laps to go and earned his second victory of the season.

"At that last restart, I tried something a little bit different and it didn't work out. I knew I had like 25 laps, but then it started raining a little bit and I was like, 'Man, we might not even make it to the end so I have to get by quick here,'" Custer said.

Cindric had grabbed the lead on a restart with 25 laps to go, but Custer regained the lead five laps later and pulled away for his second victory of the season. The victory also earned Custer a \$100,000 bonus as the top finisher among four drivers who qualified. The top four



Cole Custer, right, holds the trophy along with track president Dennis Bickmeier, as he celebrates winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series auto race at Richmond Raceway in Richmond, Va., Friday, April 12, 2019.

**Associated Press**

finishers in this race will be eligible for the bonus when the series races next at Talladega Superspeedway in two weeks.

Justin Allgaier dominated the first half of the race and finished third, followed by Tyler Reddick and Ryan

Sieg. Allgaier had the lead until Custer passed him on the inside after he pitted for tires under a green flag and Allgaier opted to stay out. It was a calculated risk for Allgaier, who won the first stage and was hop-

ing that rain in the forecast and on the radar might arrive in time to shorten the race with him in the lead. By NASCAR rules, if the first two stages of a race are complete, the race is official.

But while some rain came, it was not enough to cause the race to be stopped.

"It was so frustrating. They kept telling me it was 20 laps away," Custer said of the rain. "It never came. ... This one means a lot. We haven't had a short track win yet. We've struggled a lot at short tracks. This helps. This definitely means a lot." Cindric said he had some raindrops on his windshield after he took the lead and "I turned into the most religious person you'll ever know praying for it to downpour."

Allgaier started seventh but worked his way to the front to win the 75-lap first stage, his third stage victory in the last two races. Custer won the second stage when he pulled away on a restart

with four laps to go in the stage.

Custer led 122 laps and Allgaier led 86.

"The pit call that we made at the end of the (second) stage, it worked out obviously in our favor, but I pushed really hard to try to get back up to the front and just didn't have quite enough there are the end to do anything," Allgaier said.

The race was especially hard on Christopher Bell, who was running near the front in search of his second consecutive victory when he spun, bringing out a caution 10 laps before the end of the second stage. Stopping for repairs put Bell back to 16th position, but when the race went green with 90 laps to go, he very quickly worked his way into contention, running third behind Custer and Allgaier. But when David Starr spun with under 40 laps to go and everyone pitted, Bell dropped from third to 10th. He finished 16th. □



# Shields wants to lift women's boxing into mainstream

By DAN GELSTON  
AP Sports Writer

Claressa Shields won Olympic gold in 2012 in London and returned home with only a minimal bump in fame.

"I'd tell people I won the gold medal and they'd say, 'Yeah, right,'" she said with a laugh.

So what's an unrecognized champ to do? Shields would just challenge people to Google her if they doubted that she really was one of the top boxer's on the planet. When that dare got old, Shields simply started carrying the gold medal with her and flashed it to her skeptics.

Four years later, when Shields won boxing gold again in Rio, she hid the London medal in her warmup jacket pocket. She pulled it out after winning the championship bout and slipped two golds around her neck atop the medal stand — best in her class, best in the world. Twice.

All that's left for Shields, who overcame a childhood of poverty and abuse, is to reach best of all time.

The 24-year-old Shields (8-0, 2 KOs) is on the fast track toward that claim, headlining one of the more tan-

talizing bouts in women's boxing history on Saturday night. Shields fights Christina Hammer (24-0, 11 KOs) in a middleweight unification bout live on Showtime at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

There have been more accomplished female fighters — Laila Ali, Christy Martin, Lucia Rijker top the short list — but no bout has quite matched this one in anticipation or potential historic significance. Shields could continue to lead the evolution of women's boxing the way Ronda Rousey did for MMA and bring the fight game into the mainstream. Shields is charismatic, making fans and friends out of A-listers such as actress Halle Berry.

She's not afraid to give Beyoncé a shoutout to attend her fight. She's dominant, not losing a fight since her amateur career, and she's won championships in multiple weight classes as a pro. She takes a stand, putting blue streaks in her hair to raise awareness to the clean water fight that's gone on for years in her hometown of Flint, Michigan.

If her life sounds like something out of a movie, it soon may be: "If Beale Street



Claressa Shields works out in Atlantic City, N.J., Thursday, April 11, 2019. Shields faces Christina Hammer on Saturday in Atlantic City in a middleweight boxing bout.

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Could Talk" director Barry Jenkins is writing the screenplay for a Shields biopic.

Shields and Hammer are the first female boxers featured on Showtime's All Access YouTube sports channel. The distinction didn't come because of the 28-year-old Hammer, who has racked up wins for a decade in the 160-pound division without fanfare. It's the spark and the success that Shields creates whenever she fights.

"If I was a man, I would probably be one of the most famous boxers out there," Shields said. "There is a gender gap. We all

know it. I'm working toward changing that. We work hard, we get less money and less recognition, but the world is changing. We are changing it."

The undefeated fighters were supposed to meet on Nov. 17, but Hammer postponed it because of a stomach illness.

Shields, whose father spent years in prison during her childhood, spent a day this week visiting kids from the New Jersey Give A Kid A Dream organization and the Girls in Gloves boxing program at the Atlantic City PAL gym. She tried to inspire kids who may have

had a rough upbringing like she did and show them that it's possible to achieve goals and "really see that girls can box."

"(One of the girls) said I gave them hope and I got a little shaky," Shields said. "I didn't have a role model growing up. So it is a little weird to hear kids say that I am their role model. I am just trying to do a good job."

Shields said she's practiced her Ali shuffle and is ready to bust it out with a victory. She'll have UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones and boxing star Errol Spence Jr. walk her to the ring on Saturday night.

"Me and Jon Jones are both the GOATs," she said. And maybe with a win, Shields will start to inch closer in popularity with some of the other greats in women's sports. Rousey has nearly 3.7 million Twitter followers compared to about 35,400 for Shields.

"(Rousey) has one of the biggest followings in women's combat sports. Hell, I've achieved double of what she have and I'm younger and the hate is off the charts "poorhetic" but I'm not changing a damn thing! And I won't lose either!" Shields tweeted.

## Forrest Gregg

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"Forrest loved people. He loved everybody. He loved his children. He loved me. And it just broke my heart. My heart is broken."

She said the funeral will be sometime next week in Colorado Springs and open to the public.

Other survivors include their son, Forrest Gregg Jr., of Cincinnati, and daughter, Karen Gregg-Spehar, of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Hall of Fame president David Baker described Gregg, who was enshrined in 1977, as a "giant" who "exemplified greatness during a legendary career."

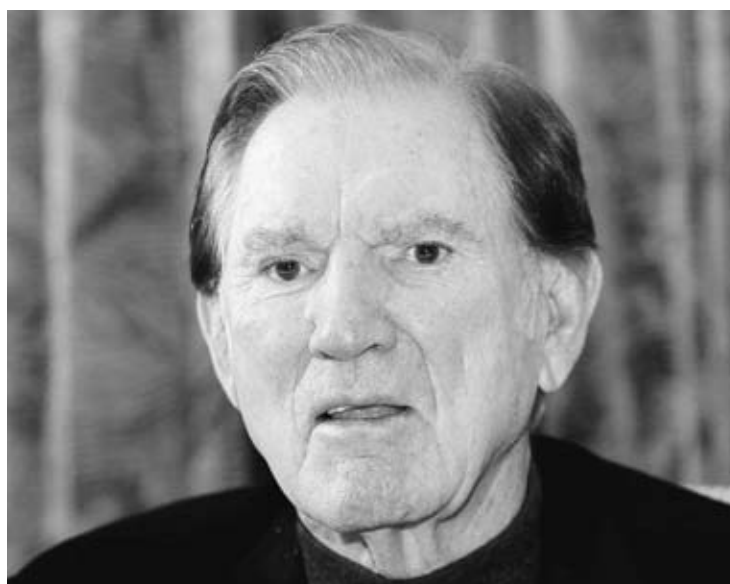
"He was the type of player who led by example and, in doing so, raised the level of play of all those around

him," Baker said. "Forrest symbolized many great traits and virtues that can be learned from this game to inspire people from all walks of life."

The flag at the hall will be flown at half-staff in Gregg's honor.

Gregg, who earned the nickname "Iron Man" for playing in a then-record 188 consecutive games during his career, was diagnosed with Parkinson's in October 2011. He quickly embarked on a campaign to raise public awareness about the incurable disease, urging others to seek treatment early enough to delay the degenerative effects on both the mind and body.

His family and his neurologist said the disease may



In this Nov. 14, 2011, file photo, Hall of Fame football player Forrest Gregg talks about his battle with Parkinson's disease during an interview in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Associated Press

have been related to numerous concussions he suffered during his playing career in the 1950s at SMU, and from 1956-71 with the Packers and Dallas Cowboys.

Gregg never blamed football for his health ailments, however. He refused to join concussion lawsuits against the NFL and said he still would have chosen to play the sport if he'd known

there would be a hefty price to pay later in life.

In an interview with The Associated Press in 2013, Gregg said he didn't begrudge those who sued the league, but he had his pensions from his playing and coaching days, and "I don't need anything from anybody but what I earned."

A guard and tackle, Gregg is one of four NFL players to win a-half dozen NFL championships, including the first two Super Bowls with the Packers. Gregg finished his career with another Super Bowl title with the Cowboys in 1971. The six-time All-Pro and nine-time Pro Bowler was elected to the NFL's all-decade team of the 1960s and to its 75th anniversary team. □



# Disney unveils new streaming service to debut late this year

By MAE ANDERSON and MICHAEL LIEDTKE

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Disney raised the curtain on a hotly anticipated video steaming service that's aiming to topple industry pioneer Netflix, once a valuable ally of the Magic Kingdom.

The service, called Disney Plus, has been in the works for more than year, but Thursday marked the first time that the longtime entertainment powerhouse has laid out plans for its attack on Netflix and a formidable cast of competitors, including Amazon, HBO Go and Showtime Anytime.

Disney Plus will roll out in the U.S. on November 12 at a price of \$6.99 per month, or \$69.99 per year. That's well below the \$13 monthly fee Netflix charges for its most popular streaming plan, signaling Disney's determination to woo subscribers as it vies to become a major player in a field that has turned "binge watching" into a common ritual.

Like Netflix, Disney Plus will be free of ads. Subscribers will be able to download all of the shows and movies on Disney's service to watch offline.

Netflix will still have a far deeper video programming lineup after spending tens of billions of dollars during the past six years on original shows such as "House of Cards," "Stranger Things" and "The Crown." But Disney Plus will be able to draw upon a library of revered films dating back several decades while it also forges into original programming. Its animated classics, including "Aladdin" and "The Jungle Book" will be available on the service when it launches.

New shows already on tap include "The Mandalorian," the first live action "Star Wars" series, created by Jon Favreau; a prequel to the "Star Wars" film "Rogue One," starring Diego Luna; a series about the Marvel character Loki, starring Tom Hiddleston; a rebooted "High School Musical" series; and a new documentary series focused on



In this Aug. 8, 2017, file photo, The Walt Disney Co. logo appears on a screen above the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. On Thursday, April 11, Disney is unveiling details of its long-awaited streaming service Disney Plus.

Disney. Disney is approaching the streaming industry from a "position of strength, confidence and unbridled optimism," CEO Bob Iger said Thursday. Iger has led the company since 2005 and expects to step down when his contract ends in 2021. The service's entire lineup will cover five categories: Disney, Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars and National Geographic.

Although Disney has an enviable track record of producing shows and films that attract huge audiences, its attempt to build its own Netflix is risky. To make the leap, Disney ended a lucrative licensing relationship with Netflix, which had become the video streaming home for its latest films after their theatrical release, as well as many of its TV series and classic movies.

But now movies that came out in 2019, and going forward, will be streamed only on Disney Plus. That includes "Captain Marvel," which came out earlier this year; "Avengers: Endgame," which debuts in late April; and the upcoming "Toy Story 4," live-action movies "The Lion King" and

"Aladdin;" and "Star Wars Episode IX."

In many ways, it's hard to compare Netflix with Disney because of the widely different types of shows each offers, said eMarketer analyst Paul Verna.

"The interesting thing is both companies have ended up in the same place, but they've come to it from vastly different backgrounds," he said.

Disney will also contend with a new streaming service from Apple, which is expected to be released in the fall. Apple has not yet said how much its service will cost or when exactly it will launch.

Last month, Disney completed its biggest deal yet with its \$71 billion acquisition of Fox's entertainment business. The first 30 seasons of "The Simpsons" will now stream exclusively on Disney Plus.

The Fox takeover helps Disney tighten its control over TV shows and movies from start to finish — from creating the programs to distributing them through television channels, movie theaters, streaming services and other avenues. Disney

will also get valuable data on customers and their entertainment-viewing habits, which it can then use to sell advertising.

The Fox deal also gave Disney a controlling stake in Hulu. Iger has said Hulu will continue to offer general entertainment programming while Disney Plus will be focused on family fare. Along with its strong brand, Disney has the advantage of having a clear strategy for each of its streaming services, Verna said, including Disney Plus, Hulu and ESPN Plus. Disney executives hinted the company would "likely" bundle the three at a discounted price, but declined to give more details. Terminating its deal with Netflix will cost Disney about \$150 million in licensing revenue alone during its current fiscal year ending in September.

Disney is betting its new service will quickly offset that. By dangling a mix of familiar franchises and beloved animated classics, along with original programming, it figures the new service will be irresistible to families, even if they already subscribe to other services. It

expects Disney Plus to be profitable during its 2024 fiscal year. The plunge into video streaming is likely to confront Disney with new challenges. One of the biggest dilemmas will center on how long Disney waits after a new film's theatrical release to make it available on its new streaming service.

Disney said movies would become available on its streaming service only after the traditional theatrical release period and home movie debut, which includes DVDs and purchasing streaming videos. That puts its schedule behind that of some competitors. Netflix films such as the award-winning "Roma" and "The Ballad of Buster Scruggs" have either become available for streaming on the same day or just a few days after their short runs in theaters.

With nearly 140 million worldwide subscribers, Netflix already has proven its mettle while warding off one competitive threat after another in the 12 years since it pivoted from DVD-by-mail rentals to video streaming. □

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# How not to break the bank on streaming services

By MAE ANDERSON  
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Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — With more TV streaming services than ever before, from newcomers like Disney Plus to stalwarts like Netflix, consumers may feel the ideal viewing experience is finally at hand.

Americans have, on average, three streaming video subscription services, according to a recent study of digital media trends by Deloitte. While some have dropped cable and its average bill of around \$100 a month altogether, about 43 percent have both pay TV and streaming subscriptions.

Yet patching together a variety of services to get just what one wants isn't always seamless. Families and individuals can still find themselves with service that doesn't perfectly suit their viewing habits. And those monthly subscriptions can add up fast.

"It doesn't make sense to pay for a bunch of content you have no interest in watching," said Bruce McClary, vice president of marketing for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling. "Finding a service that lets you scale your channel lineup based on your interests can also help you avoid paying for things you don't need."



This June 24, 2015, file photo shows the Hulu Apple TV app icon in South Orange, N.J.

A little research on which services are best for you can help save big bucks.

## FOR FAMILIES

Disney is making the biggest play for family viewership. The owner of Disney Channel, the Star Wars franchise and most recently Fox's entertainment business is betting its mix of family-friendly franchises and beloved animated classics, along with original programming, will make the Disney Plus service irresistible to families, even if they already subscribe to other services. The service, launching Novem-

ber 12, will cost \$7 a month initially.

For some kids, there may be no substitute for watching Disney's "Frozen" over and over again.

But other services that families might already subscribe to have a lot of family-friendly programming too. Amazon Prime (\$119 per year or \$13 per month for Prime loyalty program membership; Prime Video alone costs \$9 a month), Hulu (\$6 to \$12 per month), and Netflix (\$9 to \$16 per month) all offer kids programming.

Another choice for parents: HBO Now (\$15 a month) is the home for the classic kids TV show "Sesame Street." And for spendthrifts, YouTube's free Kids channel offers an endless stream of kid-friendly fare, although quality varies widely.

## FOR MOVIE BUFFS

Movie fans will soon have to work a bit harder to find movies to stream. As Disney, Fox, Universal and Warner Brothers and others offer their own streaming services, they will all eventually pull their content from Netflix. But niche services are

there to fill the void.

Classic movies can be difficult to find streaming. Movie fans suffered a loss when AT&T, which bought Time Warner last year, decided to discontinue FilmStruck, a streaming service that was a collaboration between Turner Classic Movies and the Criterion Collection. But a similar service called The Criterion Channel that offers 1,000 classic and contemporary films is stepping up to fill the void. It costs \$11 a month or \$99 for a year.

Other movie-centric streaming services include Fandor (\$6 per month or \$50 per year) or Mubi (\$11 per month). Both offer a curated selection of movies.

Those on a budget can try Kanopy, a streaming service that works with public libraries and universities to offer library card holders streaming movies for free.

## FOR SPORTS FANS

Sports fans do have streaming options, but they cost more since sports must be watched live. Basic live TV options are cheaper but may not include sports channels. Which service you choose depends on which sport or which team you want to watch.

There are a variety of live TV streaming services that offer a wide range of sports, but they've recently been raising their prices. □

# Wells Fargo's 1Q profits rise 14%, beating analyst forecasts

By KEN SWEET  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Consumer banking giant Wells Fargo said its profits rose by 14% from a year earlier, helped by higher interest rates which offset the restrictions put on the bank's businesses after years of scandal.

The San Francisco-based bank said Friday that it earned a profit of \$5.86 billion, or \$1.20 per share, up from \$5.14 billion, or 96 cents a share, in the same period a year earlier. The results were better than the \$1.11 per share that analysts had expected, according to FactSet.



In this Nov. 29, 2018, file photo a person walks by a Wells Fargo bank location in Philadelphia.

Like other banks, Wells Fargo has benefited from a rise in interest rates, which has allowed it to charge more for consumer bank-

ing products like credit cards and mortgages.

The rise in interest rates was more than enough to nullify the restrictions that had

been placed on the bank by regulators. Last year the Federal Reserve capped the size of Wells Fargo's assets after the bank repeatedly found itself in one bank-related scandal after another, starting in 2016 with the uncovering of millions of fake checking accounts its employees opened to meet sales quotas.

Typically a bank the size of Wells would be increasing assets and loans in a growing economy such as this one. But the bank's assets, loans and deposits all fell compared to a year earlier. It's not clear when the Federal Reserve will remove

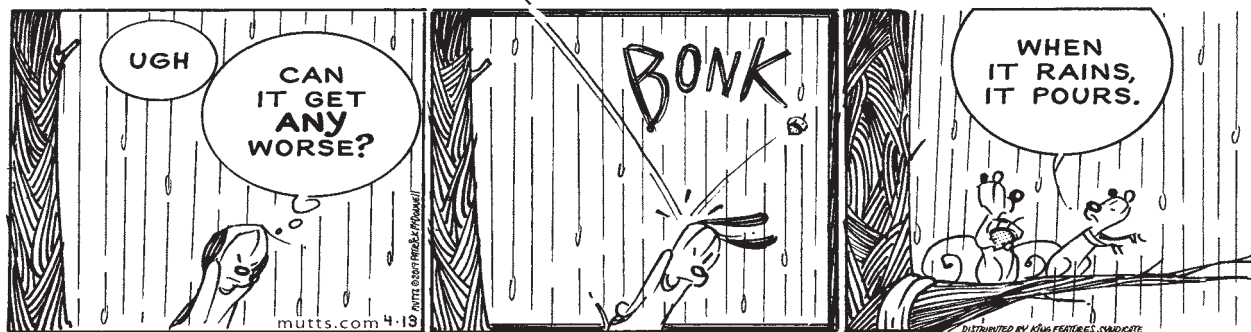
its restrictions on Wells' business. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said earlier this year there was more work to be done at Wells before he felt the bank has satisfied the Fed's demands.

Powell's comments, along with a poor performance in front of Congress last month, forced Wells Fargo's Chief Executive Officer Tim Sloan to unexpectedly and abruptly resign.

The biggest U.S. mortgage lender posted revenue of \$26.3 billion in the period. Its revenue net of interest expense was \$21.61 billion, also beating Street forecasts. □



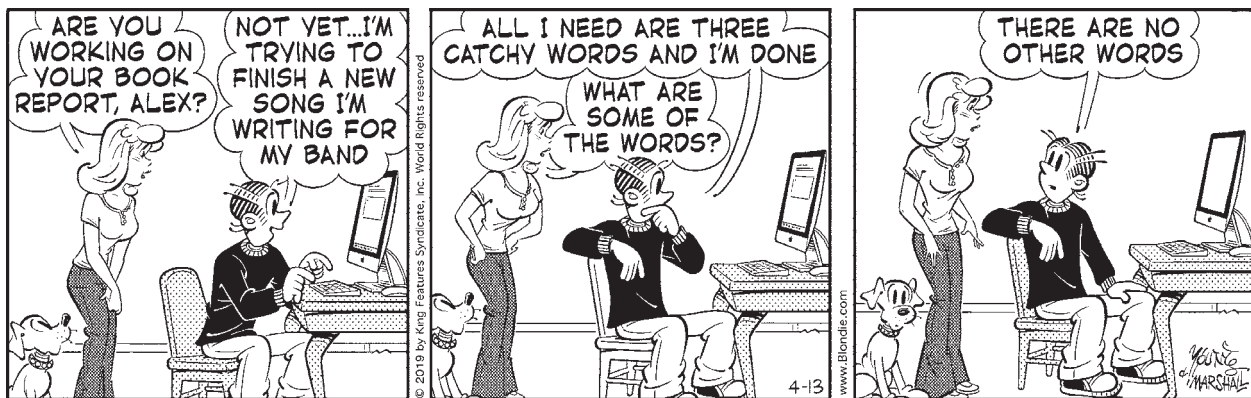
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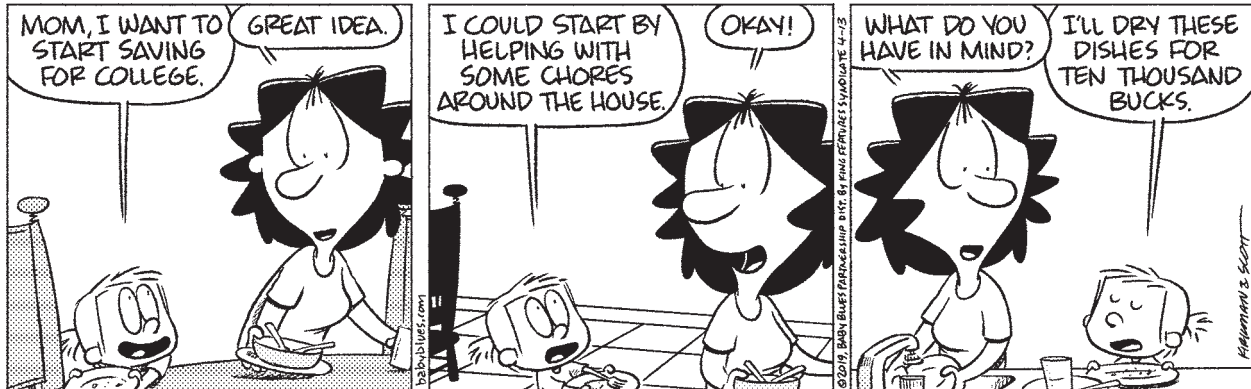
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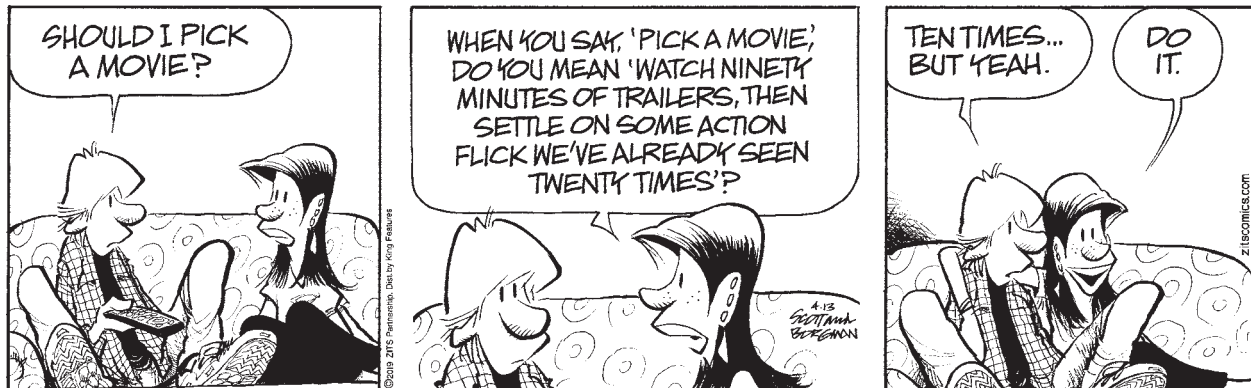
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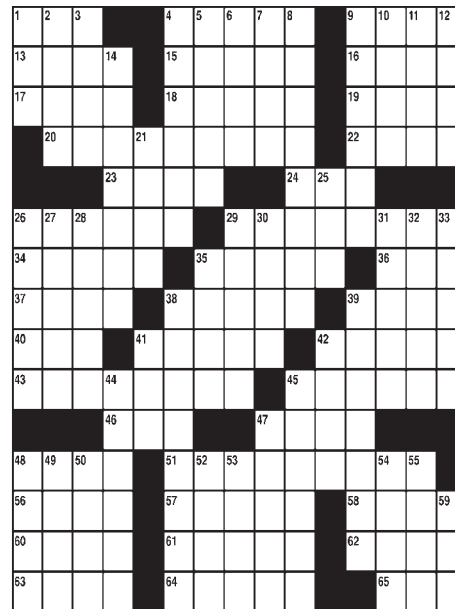
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- 40 Heat in the microwave
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This undated photo provided by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission shows the Fisher-Price Rock 'n Play Sleeper. Associated Press

## Fisher-Price recalls sleepers after more than 30 babies died

**Associated Press**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Fisher-Price recalled nearly 5 million infant sleepers on Friday after more than 30 babies died in them over a 10-year period. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said anyone who bought a Fisher-Price Rock 'n Play sleeper should stop using it right away and contact Fisher-Price for a refund or voucher. The sleepers, which are used to put babies to sleep, are soft padded cradles that vibrate. Fisher-Price and the CPSC said the deaths occurred after infants rolled over from their backs to their stomachs or sides while unrestrained, but did not

specify how they died. In an article this week, Consumer Reports found that some of the infants died from suffocation. A safety warning was issued last week, but The American Academy of Pediatrics urged Fisher-Price and the CPSC to recall the sleepers, calling them "deadly." In a statement Friday, Fisher-Price said that it stood by the safety of its products and said it issued the voluntary recall "due to reported incidents in which the product was used contrary to the safety warnings and instructions." The recall covers about 4.7 million sleepers, which sold for between \$40 and \$149 since 2009. □

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# Off the Seychelles, a dive into a never-seen landscape

By DAVID KEYTON  
Associated Press

**ST. JOSEPH ISLAND, Seychelles (AP)** — The submersible dropped from the ocean's surface faster than I had expected. With a loud "pssssss" the air escaped from the ballast tanks and the small craft suddenly tilted forward. Within seconds, aquanaut Robert Carmichael and I were enveloped by a vibrant shade of blue, watching streaks of sunlight pierce the water's surface. Soon a large manta ray appeared from the darkness below, gently gliding toward our small craft before vanishing into the distance.

The dive took place off a coral atoll called St. Joseph in the outer islands of Seychelles on a mission to explore the Indian Ocean. This body of water is poorly studied and few scientists have ever ventured deeper than the maximum scuba depth of 100 feet. For more than a month researchers from Nekton, a British-led scientific research charity, have been using submersibles to dive deep below the waves to document the ocean's health.

We arrived at St. Joseph Island in the early hours of the morning, and this was the first submersible dive at the new site. The sea bed suddenly appeared beneath our craft, a landscape no one had ever seen before.

I quickly scribbled down in the mission report the depth and time at which we sighted the bottom: "165 feet, 1144 UTC." Carmichael, a veteran of the sea, relayed the information to the surface via an underwater telephone. Its loud static noise would be



Associated Press reporter, David Keyton poses for a photograph inside a submersible at around 400 feet below the surface off the coast of the island of St. Joseph in the Seychelles, Monday April 8, 2019.

a constant of our dive. We moved across a seabed of rock and sand and scattered soft coral until a great darkness opened ahead. Carmichael lowered us over the side of an underwater cliff. Our target depth was 400 feet. Oceans cover over two-thirds of the Earth's surface but remain, for the most part, unexplored. Their role in regulating our climate and the threats they face are underestimated by many people, so scientific missions are crucial to take stock of the health of underwater ecosystems.

Able to operate down to 1,000 feet, these manned submersibles give scientists a unique understanding of changes in habitats as sunlight diminishes through the different layers of ocean. We glided with the current as six cameras mounted around the craft recorded its journey. In the months to come, researchers at Ox-

ford will comb through the footage frame by frame, noting each species encountered.

Suddenly a drop of cold water landed on my arm, triggering alarm. Water is best kept on the outside of a submersible. Carmichael quickly put me at ease: The difference in temperature between the water around us and our submersible had created a layer of condensation on the hatch. We quickly soaked it up with

towels.

It was curiosity that drew Carmichael to the ocean. "I just wanted to know what was down here," he said. "It's stunning in so many ways."

This curiosity has attracted mankind for centuries. "The human mind is naturally drawn to grandiose notions of supernatural beings, and the sea is the ideal medium for them," wrote Jules Verne, author of "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea,"

possibly the greatest submarine novel of all time, which opens with fears over a mysterious sea monster sinking ships and harvesting the lives of sailors.

Thirty years after reading the novel as a child, I'm sitting in a tiny glass bubble observing the underwater world like Captain Nemo on board the novel's submarine, Nautilus. We are foreigners to this realm, objects of fascination for the reef shark that approaches us, as curious of us as we are of it.

Even in the 19th century, Verne feared the extinction of numerous species of marine life. The fears have been proven true. A WWF report found that marine vertebrate populations have declined by almost half since the 1970s.

Fishing is no longer the sole cause. Man-made pollution, global warming and the acidification of the oceans are new challenges.

As the oceans slowly soak up heat from the atmosphere, marine species will be affected in different ways. Some will adapt. Some will migrate to cooler waters. Others will disappear, leaving a gap in ecosystems that have existed for millennia. □

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## Traditional Hawaiian creation chant used to name black hole

**HILO, Hawaii (AP)** — A language professor has given a Hawaiian name — Powehi — to the black hole depicted in an image produced in a landmark experiment.

University of Hawaii-Hilo Hawaiian Professor Larry Kimura named the cosmic object, The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Thursday. The world's first image of a black hole revealed Wednesday was created using data from eight radio telescopes around the world. Powehi means "the adorned fathomless dark creation" or "embellished dark source of unending creation" and comes

from the Kumulipo, an 18th century Hawaiian creation chant. Po is a profound dark source of unending creation, while wehi, honored with embellishments, is one of the chant's descriptions of po, the newspaper reported.

"To have the privilege of giving a Hawaiian name to the very first scientific confirmation of a black hole is very meaningful to me and my Hawaiian lineage that comes from po," Kimura said in a news release.

A Hawaiian name was justified because the project included two Hawaii telescopes, astronomers said. "As soon as he said it, I

nearly fell off my chair," said Jessica Dempsey, deputy director of the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope on Mauna Kea.

Dempsey was among 200 scientists who worked to capture an image of the massive black hole in the M87 galaxy nearly 54 million light-years from Earth. Dempsey said Powehi is an excellent match for the scientific explanation provided to Kimura.

"We described what we had seen and that this black hole was illuminating and brightening the darkness around it, and that's when he came up with the name," she said. □

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## 'The Rise of Skywalker' is title for next 'Star Wars' film

By LINDSEY BAHR  
Associated Press

"No one is ever really gone," says the voice of Luke Skywalker in the first teaser trailer for "Star Wars: Episode IX," which audiences finally learned will be called "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" Friday at a fan event in Chicago.

The closely guarded film from director J.J. Abrams will put an end to the Skywalker saga that began over 40 years ago, but even as characters and actors have passed on, the footage shown at Star Wars Celebration suggests that as with all "Star Wars" films, death is just a technicality a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.

Mark Hamill's Skywalker may have died at the end of the most recent installment but his voice dominates the teaser trailer, telling someone, possibly Daisy Ridley's Rey, that, "this is your fight now." And audiences got a tantalizing tease from another figure from the past: Emperor Palpatine from the original and prequel trilogies, whose ominous laugh closes out the promotional spot.

Carrie Fisher's Leia Organa is back as well, despite the actress's untimely passing in Dec. 2016, thanks to unused footage from "The Force Awakens" which Abrams was able to craft into its own narrative for this new film.

"You can't just recast and you can't just have her



This image released by Lucasfilm shows Daisy Ridley as Rey in "Star Wars: The Last Jedi."

disappear," Abrams said. "The idea of having a CG character wasn't even an option."

He's currently in the process of editing and adding visual effects to the film which will hit theaters on Dec. 20 and said that despite Fisher's death, "We're working with her every day."

"Princess Leia lives in this film in way that is mind-blowing to me," Abrams said.

Abrams was joined on stage at the event by Lucasfilm president Kathleen Kennedy and actors and droids alike including Ridley, Oscar Isaac (Poe), John Boyega (Finn), Kelly Marie Tran (Rose), Joonas Suotamo (Chewbacca), newcomer Naomi Ackie, who plays a character named Jannah, Anthony Daniels (C-3PO) and even Billy Dee Williams, who reprises his role as Lando Calrissian in the new film after decades away.

"How did I find Lando again?" Williams said. "Lan-

do never left me."

"Star Wars" superfan Stephen Colbert moderated the panel, doing his best to get the tight-lipped cast and creators to reveal anything about the film. Although no one cracked under pressure, Abrams did reveal some previously known details, like the fact that "The Rise of Skywalker" will pick up "some time" after the events of "The Last Jedi."

"This is an adventure that the group goes on together," he teased, although he wouldn't reveal whether or not that meant the group on stage or some other combination.

"This movie is about this new generation and what they've inherited, the light and the dark," Abrams added. "As they face this greatest evil, are they prepared?"

Besides Hamill, another person who wasn't in attendance was Kylo Ren actor Adam Driver, who as the

son of Han Solo and Leia is the only known Skywalker left.

When prodded about what will happen with the complex relationship between Kylo and Rey, Ridley demurred, "I guess the Kylo and Rey thing, we'll have to see."

She added: "I think I can confirm there are no more semi-naked Kylos." That's a reference to the scenes of a shirtless Driver in "The Last Jedi" that surprised fans.

Although fans are salivating for any morsel of information, the panelists stayed as vague as possible, and kept things light-hearted debating questions like "who's a better pilot: Poe or Han" and even taking a break so that the audience could sing an unprompted Happy Birthday to Ridley, who turned 27 on Wednesday.

Kennedy, quoting George Lucas, said however that "Episode IX" is indeed the third act of a three-act

structure.

But, predictably, there are still more questions than answers when it comes to "The Rise of Skywalker," especially what will come after.

The Lucasfilm and Disney collaboration has proved to be a lucrative one since Disney purchased the company in 2012 for \$4 billion. Disney's first two "Star Wars" films, "The Force Awakens" and "The Last Jedi" and its spinoffs, "Rogue One" and "Solo," have already grossed more than \$4.8 billion at the worldwide box office.

As of now, there is a future for "Star Wars" on the big screen, but details are sparse and dates are non-existent. "The Last Jedi" director Rian Johnson is working on a new "Star Wars" trilogy and "Game of Thrones" showrunners D.B. Weiss and David Benioff are also at work on a "movie series."

Lucasfilm is expanding its small screen universe too beyond "The Clone Wars" with the Jon Favreau-directed series "The Mandalorian," which will be available on Disney's streaming service, DisneyPlus, when it launches on Nov. 12, and there will be a "Rogue One" spinoff series focused on Diego Luna's character Cassian Andor. With the company's acquisition of 21st Century Fox's entertainment properties, too, Lucas' original trilogy and prequels will also be available on the service. □

## Bush Foundation wants retired Air Force One plane in museum

Associated Press

**HOUSTON (AP)** — The George and Barbara Bush Foundation has asked that an Air Force One plane set for retirement in 2025 be permanently exhibited at the late president's museum at Texas A&M.

If approved, the U.S. Air Force would permanently loan the Boeing VC-25A to the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station, Texas, the Houston Chronicle reported. Bush



In this Dec. 30, 1991, file photo, then U.S. President George H. Bush, accompanied by first lady Barbara, makes farewell remarks before departing Andrews Air Force Base, Md., for a trip to Australia and Asia.

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died Nov. 30 at age 94, just months after the death of former first lady Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years.

"He had such a personal history with flying and that plane. He loved the plane," said Jim McGrath, vice president of the Bush Foundation and the couple's primary representative in their final years.

Air Force One was introduced during World War II to ensure the president's safe passage. The plane targeted for the presiden-

tial library was brought into service in 1990, during George H.W. Bush's presidency. The 41st president was particularly happy about the plan to house the aircraft at his museum after he was shown renderings of the glass building that would encase it. He "was very excited about it," said David Jones, the president of the foundation. "I just remember him beaming. He just thought it was a wonderful idea." □



# 'Little' heralds big-time arrival of Marsai Martin

By **JAKE COYLE**  
Associated Press

Since Hailee Steinfeld rode into town in "True Grit," we've been fairly blessed by the big-screen breakthroughs of teenage actresses. To name just a few: Anya Taylor-Joy ("The Witch"), Amanda Stenberg ("The Hate U Give"), Elsie Fisher ("Eighth Grade"). Add Marsai Martin to the list. And at just 14-years-old

— 13 when the cameras rolled — she's one-upped them all. Along with starring in "Little," Martin is also an executive producer, the youngest credited in Hollywood history. She is, quite literally, a boss. And Martin, a tiny tyrant beneath a Diana Ross-sized afro, is the number one reason to see "Little." The movie, itself, is a mid-dling "Big"-styled body-swap comedy. But it's el-



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Marsai Martin in a scene from "Little."

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evated considerably the verve and charisma of its cast, which also features Issa Rae and Regina Hall. But there's a special pleasure in seeing someone front-and-center for the first time that you know is going to hold the spotlight. Martin, the "black-ish" star, helped conceive of "Little," and the film, fittingly, is itself a kind of fable of self-empowerment. An enjoyably over-the-top Hall (playing a far crueller boss than her "Support the Girls" supervisor) stars as Jordan Sanders, a high-powered executive who runs her Atlanta tech com-

pany with a Scrooge-level degree of abuse for all who encounter her, including her many employees and, most of all, her assistant, April (Rae). When Jordan insults a wand-wielding young girl ("You chocolate Hog-wart!"), a spell is cast, and the next morning Jordan awakes as her 13-year-old self (Martin). The premise is overly familiar ("Freaky Friday," "13 Going on 30"), but there's an obvious twist. After a panicked Jordan summons April to her high-rise apartment for help, April refutes the movie's very premise:

"But that's for white people." Looking for answers, she quickly googles "Female Gary Coleman disease." They're good lines in a movie that could have used more of them. Child services (Rachel Dratch) is called in. Jordan is sent back to her old school where, as seen in a flashback that opens the movie, she initially resolved to become the bully rather than the bullied. Jordan introduces herself as the "new alpha" and makes eyes at her teacher (Justin Hartley), purring, "Teach me somethin'." □

## Damien Jurado's frugal sounds rich with love, hope

By **PABLO GORONDI**  
Associated Press

Damien Jurado, "In the Shape of a Storm" (Mama Bird Recording Co.) Damien Jurado's sneakily quiet "In the Shape of a Storm" is as stark as its cover illustration, but within, the frugal sounds are rich with expressions of love, loss, hope, despair and humor. Recorded in two hours in his new home state of California, the Seattle native's 10 songs are immediate and direct, but their origins are often distant. Jurado is especially prolific and compositions thought lost or put aside nestle together here like once-close compan-



This cover image released by Mama Bird Recording Co. shows "In the Shape of a Storm," a release by Damien Jurado.

Associated Press ions reconnecting like time hadn't passed. Even when wrapped in increasingly adventurous arrangements, especially on the albums recorded with

the late Richard Swift, Jurado's songs have always been distinctive. Only Josh Gordon's high-strung guitar adds a metallic brightness to a few songs, but it can also interrupt the intimacy, especially on the title track and "Silver Ball," where interspersed doo-doo-does make the last lines — "Time does not heal/Everything an end" — much less definitive, nearly celebratory. On "Anchors" seemingly innocent prospects — "I still go on seeing you as mine/Just not at the present time" — are paired with a dour reality: "Untied to your anchor and I'm sinking like a stone." □



## Ben Platt moves away from 'Dear Evan Hansen' with new album

By ALICIA RANCILIO  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Much of Ben Platt's debut album "Sing to Me Instead" is inspired by past loves, but he laughs at the notion that he could be pulling a Taylor Swift.

Platt says the songs are more about emotions than specifics, so there's no need to give any former boyfriends a heads-up.

"I didn't feel the need to give any warnings," he said recently. "Thankfully there's nothing too harmful said about anyone ... I'm sure if these people ever did find out that I had written about them, I'm sure they would agree the emotional experience was what I put across."

He does say there was something cathartic about looking back through the lens of music.

"I always sort of laughed when Taylor Swift talks about relationships, and she can only move on when she's put it into a song, but there's a real truth to that."

The album doesn't just put his exes in the rearview mirror, it also puts distance



In this March 28, 2019 photo, Ben Platt poses for a portrait in New York to promote his debut album "Sing to Me Instead."

between Platt and his Tony Award-winning role in "Dear Evan Hansen."

Little on the album is reminiscent of the songs from the hit Broadway musical; instead, the "Sing to Me Instead" is a more soulful project.

It was important to Platt, that his first album as an artist take him on a differ-

ent path from the music he performed in his acting roles (He played the nerdy Benji in "Pitch Perfect" and its sequel).

"I definitely wanted to make sure it was stylistically and sort of musically what I liked the most and what I love to sing," said Platt, citing James Taylor, Carole King and Donny Hathaway

as examples.

Anyone coming to see the star when his concert kicks off in May and expecting to get a dose of "Dear Evan Hansen" take note: Platt won't be singing any of that show's songs on his tour.

But he hasn't completely left that character behind. Universal Pictures — and

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Platt's producer dad Marc Platt — have secured the film rights to "Dear Evan Hansen" and he hasn't ruled out reprising the role on the big screen.

"I know it's in development and being written. Of course, that would be a wonderful thing I would love to be a part of," he said.

Platt stars in the upcoming Netflix series "The Politician" from Ryan Murphy, playing a wealthy, morally challenged teen seeking to win an election to secure his spot at Harvard. Gwyneth Paltrow, Jessica Lange and Zoey Deutch also star.

Platt said Murphy sought him out for the role after seeing him in "Dear Evan Hansen."

"He said, 'You were this open book, this sweet, empathetic, very easy to root for (character). And I would like you to now play someone who is conniving and sociopathic and has a lot of hubris and is kind of a brat. I want to challenge you to just turn completely on its head,'" Platt recalls. "I was like, 'What more could you ask for as an actor?'" □

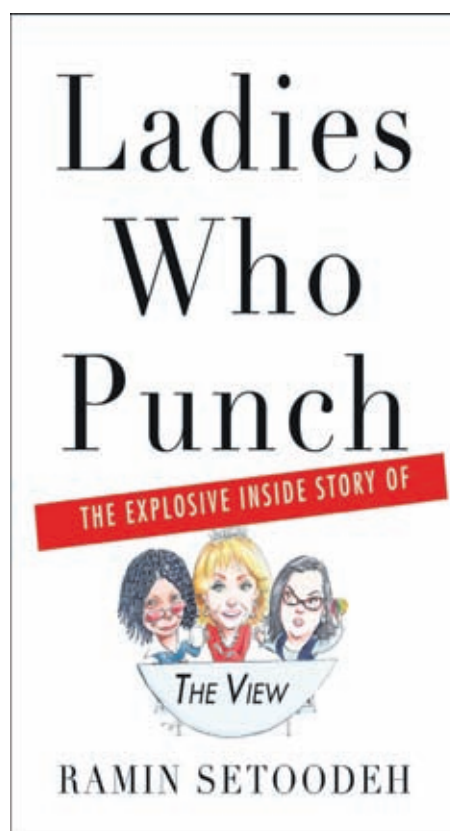
## 'Ladies Who Punch' offers inside look of 'The View'

By LINCEE RAY  
Associated Press

"Ladies Who Punch: The Explosive Inside Story of 'The View'" (Thomas Dunne Books), by Ramin Setoodeh Chances are, if you've never tuned into the talk show "The View," you have heard about it.

Legendary journalist and creator Barbara Walters had one goal in mind in 1997: Gather together a panel of multi-generational women around a table to discuss hot topics of the day. What she got was highly successful and groundbreaking morning television, wrapped up in an intricate web of drama.

In "Ladies Who Punch: The Explosive Inside Story of 'The View,'" award-winning journalist Ramin Setoodeh offers readers a backstage look of what really went on behind-the-scenes of the transformative talk show. With unprecedented access with nearly every host, Setoodeh paints a vivid and informative picture of the highs and lows of the last 20 years from several different



This cover image released by Thomas Dunne Books shows "Ladies Who Punch: The Explosive Inside Story of 'The View', by Ramin Setoodeh.

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perspectives.

The show's beginnings are chronicled through Walters' viewpoint. From auditioning the inaugural hosts to pioneering an ideal rhythm for the show, Walters had a lot on her plate juggling her new job and other duties at ABC.

Even when executives and critics said it couldn't be done, Walters triumphed with the help of broadcast journalist Meredith Vieira, attorney Star Jones, comedian Joy Behar, and rookie Debbie Matenopoulos. Together, the women changed daytime television.

Although the idea of the show was an accomplishment, everyday operations were never smooth. Matenopoulos was let go for being too green.

Jones insisted the show revolve around her pending wedding. And eventually, Vieira left, leaving a handful of spots to fill. Enter Rosie O'Donnell.

Collectively, O'Donnell spent two seasons on "The View," but her stint produced many of the most mem-

orable moments on the show.

During O'Donnell's part in the book, Setoodeh tackles her rivalry with Donald Trump, her on-air cat fight with Elisabeth Hasselbeck, and the turmoil she caused among producers and directors.

When she left, a new powerhouse took over in the curious form of movie actress Whoopi Goldberg. Goldberg's point-of-view in the book describes her steady hand that ushered in a new era. Once Walters retired, Goldberg became a new force with which to be reckoned. And she still helms the ship today.

With a random array of hosts and plenty of drama to go around, Setoodeh manages to peel back the composed facade of what viewers see on their screens in order to focus on raw feelings and teetering emotions of those closely involved with "The View."

"Ladies Who Punch" is an exciting read that proves there's always a little soap opera even if a show presents itself as hard news. □





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